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*has not turned away her prayer, nor hi*
*from her: and she indulges the plea*

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and heavy laden to a throne of grace,
pleading those gracious words, "I will g
you rest;" "Him that cometh unto m
will in no wise cast out."

When cast down with sorrow, and ov
whelmed with fears, how cheering to go
cast all your care upon him that careth
you. Under all perplexities of life to
permitted to say, "Thou shalt guide
with thy counsel: my flesh and my he
faileth: but God is the strength of my he
and my portion for ever;" this impart
consolation which the world can neit
give nor take away.

The mind that thus converses with G
that is thus stayed upon him, will enjo
peace which the world knows not;
peace which passeth all understanding.

Wait not for the stated season of pr
er; but let your mind ascend to God
every moment of difficulty, fear, or ten
tation: and let every new mercy raise y
heart in praise. Why do Christians l
so little under the power of religion,
*experience* so little of its comforts, but
*cause they are* such strangers to this
*your communion* with God! How many
*thoughts in the* day might be exch

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of the Psalmist, "Rejoice the soul
servant; for unto thee, O Lord, do
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heavenly volume; and try to have
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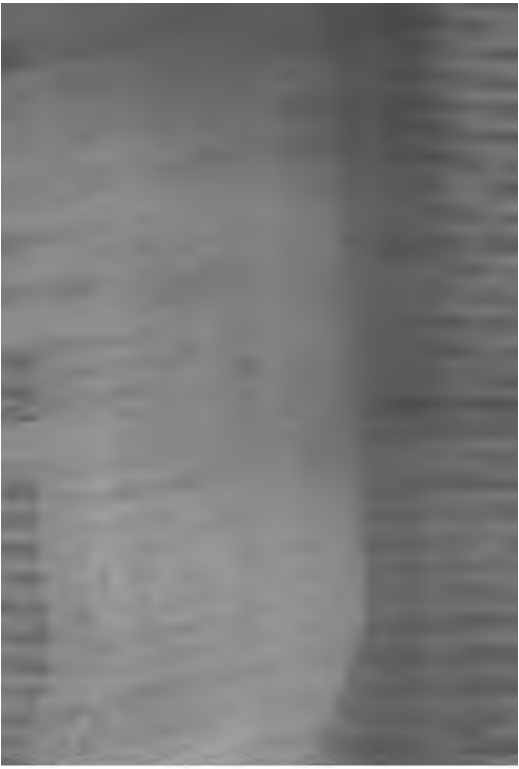

## Introductory Prayer,

*To be used at the beginning of our Devotions*

O thou ever blessed Majesty, who fill heaven and earth with thy presence, a art always listening to the supplications a world of creatures that hang upon the open, we beseech thee, thine ears of mer to thine unworthy servants, who are pr trate at thy footstool. Our hearts wo now open themselves to thy gracious fluence; possess them, we beseech th with such a strong and vigorous love thyself, as may lift us up above all earth things; that we may approach with longi hearts to thee our God, our exceeding j Gather in, we beseech thee, our wanderi thoughts, and fix them upon thyself: ra our cold and earthly desires, and ca them to ascend unto thee in the lively f vour of devotion: May we so ask, that may receive; so seek, that we may fin so knock, that it may be opened unto through Jesus Christ our blessed Lord a Redeemer. Amen.

# FAMILY PRAYERS.

## *FIRST WEEK.*

## MEDITATION

### *For the Lord's Day Morning.*

### CHRIST MIGHTY TO SAVE.

"Wherefore he is able also to save them to the ttermost, that come unto God by him, seeing e ever liveth to make intercession for them."—b. vii. 25.

Our Lord Jesus Christ was able to save m the beginning: from the first promise our fallen parents, unto the present , has the seed of the woman been ising the serpent's head. By faith in n the elders obtained a good report, and d in expectation of a better resurrection. eir faith embraced him according to the gree in which he was revealed; they w his day *in distant prospect*, and re-*ived; and were admitted* to the divine *ur here, and to eternal* happiness above

He appeared able to save when he dwe
on earth in a tabernacle of clay: still
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with the abasements and infirmities of
mortal man: asserting to himself the divi
prerogative of forgiving sins: speaking
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fixed all the stress of men's eternal inte
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men should stand; and from whom
should receive that decisive sentence, whi
should fix them in final happiness,
despair. Nay, even in his deepest humili
tion on the cursed tree, a ray of divi
glory broke through the dark cloud
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sulting enemies, who were reproachi
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to dispose of seats in Paradise! If he we
thus able to save, when he dwelt in
*humble a form*, how much more so is
*midst all the* magnificence of his exal
*n in the highest* heaven; whither he
*ended, as a* glorious conqueror, ha

elves, that he is at this moment as
to exert an almighty power for the
ation of his people, as he was on that
rious day, when he poured out the
it on his disciples, at the Feast of Pen-
st; or when he appeared to Paul on
vay to Damascus with the glories of
en new upon him, even with lustre
eding that of the meridian sun! Still
ur Redeemer able to save, and shall
inue to be so. When we and our
lren are laid in the dust of death, he
be the joy and confidence of a new
of believers; and to the very end of
, one generation shall rise, and declare
righteousness to another, and that

power as of his grace, that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever.

Heavenly Father, glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee; that at the name of Jesus every knee may bow and every tongue confess him Lord. Be thou exalted Lord in thine own strength, so will we sing and praise thy power.

## HYMN

*For the Lord's Day Morning.*

All power and grace to God belong,
He is my strength, and He my song;
He comes, my Saviour, from his throne;
He comes, to bring salvation down.

Lo! rising from the tents of men,
The voice of joy resounds again;
His saints with him the triumph claim,
And shout salvation to his name.

His own right hand its strength displays
In acts of valour and of grace,
The cross, the tomb, the throne declare
How vast his power and glory are.

For us he conquers, though he dies—
*Behold the* mighty Saviour rise!
*His own right* hand on high displays
*In acts of* valour and of grace.

## PRAYER

*For the Lord's Day Morning.*

st gracious God and Father, it is
for us to draw near to thee. Blessed
man whom thou choosest, and causest
proach unto thee, that he may be
raising thee! We bless thee for the
ing light of this morning. O let the
ring from on high visit our souls,
he sun of righteousness arise with
g in his wings. "This is the day which
Lord hath made; we will rejoice and
glad therein." May this be indeed
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of our souls heavenward.

the God of hope fill us with joy and p
in believing, through Jesus Christ,
blessed Saviour and Redeemer. Amen

## HYMN

*For the Lord's Day Evening.*

Let everlasting glories crown
  Thy head, my Saviour and my Lord;
Thy hands have brought salvation down,
  And writ the blessings in thy word.

In vain the trembling conscience seeks
  Some solid ground to rest upon;
With long despair the spirit breaks
  Till we apply to Christ alone.

How well thy blessed truths agree!
  How wise and holy thy commands!
Thy promises how great and free!
  How firm our hope and comfort stands!

Should all the forms that men devise,
  Assault our faith with treacherous art;
We call them vanity and lies,
  And bind the gospel to our heart.

## PRAYER

*For the Lord's Day Evening.*

O most good and gracious God, though thou art the High and Holy One, who inhabitest eternity, yet thou permittest dust and ashes to draw nigh unto thee; and dwellest in the humble and contrite heart, that trembles at thy word. We come to praise thee for all the gracious words that we have heard this day in thy house; for the glad tidings of salvation which have sounded in our ears; for all that we have heard of Jesus, of his dying love, of his holy and spotless life, of the sanctifying influences of his Spirit; for all the holy thoughts, affections, and purposes that have been raised in our hearts; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory! How exceeding rich is thy grace to man in Christ Jesus! "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift!" May we shew this thankfulness by a life of constant obedience to thy commandments, and of humble submission to thy will. May it be our meat and our drink to do thy will.

Forgive, O our Father, that our thoughts, affections, and devotions, towards th

are so few, so short, so cold; that we
at any time loved the world, the t
and pleasures of it, more than God,
Christ, and heaven. We are ashamed
tremble to think, with what indiffer
we too often hear and receive the mess
of salvation by Christ; that we ar
little melted by his love; that we ar
unlike our blessed Lord in his holy
and in his meek and lowly temper;
we have no deeper sense of the evil o
after all that thou hast done to delive
from it, and to show thy hatred again
that we have so little serious sense of
worth of souls, and the weight of eter
O gracious God, clear up our underst
ing of divine things; call off our m
from every thing that draws our h
from thee, and write thy law in our he
that we may no more sin against t
Sanctify us more entirely, in body,
and spirit; renew us more into t
image; we would be thine, more ent
thine; we would live to thee while
live; we would serve thee, not with
spirit of bondage as slaves; but with
cheerfulness and affection of children.
*make thy ways so* pleasant to us, that
*forbidden pleasures* of sin may los
*their attraction.* Let the thoughts

precious love in Christ, and our peace a
pardon, and everlasting blessedness wi
thee, be the daily cordial of our heart
All the days of our lives may we comfor
ourselves, and one another, with the hope
that we shall be ever with our glorified
Lord. We would live, and worship toge-
ther here, as fellow-heirs of that glory
and blessedness which we hope to enjoy
with thee for ever in thy heavenly king-
dom: and as the children of thy family,
we would pray that the same blessings
may descend on all mankind; may they
also, with us, partake of thy great salva-
tion, be translated out of the kingdom of
darkness into the kingdom of thy dear
son; and in him let all the nations of the
earth be blessed. And may we all join at
last in the song of Moses and the Lamb,
saying, "Worthy is the Lamb that was
slain, to receive glory and honour, for he
hath redeemed us to God by his blood."
Amen.

"Let us come boldly to the thro

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A *throne*, bespeaks authorit
reverence; a *throne* of *grac*
encouragement, even to the c
ners: there grace reigns and
sovereign freedom, power, a
To be often found before this
both our bounden duty and o
interest. Our errand there i
may obtain mercy, and find gra
in time of need.

In all our approaches to this
grace for mercy, we are permitte
with humble freedom and boldn
should ask in faith

## HYMN

*For Monday Morning.*

'ome let us lift our thankful eyes,
Up to the courts above,
ejoic'd to see our Father there,
Upon a throne of love.

Vow we may bow before his feet,
And venture near the Lord;
Vo fiery cherub guards his seat,
Nor double flaming sword.

'he peaceful gates of heavenly bliss,
Are open'd by the Son;
Iigh let us raise our notes of praise,
And reach th' Almighty's throne.

'o thee ten thousand thanks we bring,
Great Advocate on high;
And glory to th' eternal King,
That lays his anger by.

## PRAYER

*For Monday Morning.*

oly, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty;
*art of purer eyes than to behold*
*ty, neither can sin dwell with thee.*
*lty sinners we deserve to be called*

to a throne of judgement; but, thr
the Son of thy love, thou art proclai
a throne of grace! a mercy-seat!
come to touch thy golden sceptre
live!

Lord, though we are unworthy, we c
because thou hast found a ranson
atonement for our guilt!—because
hast pointed us to thy beloved Son,
said, "Behold the Lamb of God, w
taketh away the sin of the world."

Lord, how great is thy grace, tha
who have erred and strayed from thy
like lost sheep, who have forsaken
the fountain of living waters, and h
out cisterns, broken cisterns that can
no water; that such rebellious and l
sliding children should be invited t
turn to a Father's house, to be rec
not merely as pardoned criminals, b
sons and daughters of the Lord Almi

Lord of all power and grace, trusti
thine almighty strength, thine in
goodness, and thy gracious promises
come to ask of thee the blessings w
thou knowest that we need, and to o
grace sufficient for us. Let thy good
rit help our infirmities, and strength
to fight the good fight of faith; to
against the sins that most easily be

more acceptably before thee, in
ies of righteousness and holiness.
us not to be tempted above that
le to bear; let no iniquity prevail
, nor sin have dominion over us.
blindness of heart, from pride,
, and hypocrisy; from envy,
d malice, and all uncharitable-
all the deceits of the world, the
the devil; from hardness of
contempt of thy word and com-
ts, graciously, O Lord, deliver us.
of our tribulation; in all time
lth; in the hour of death, and in
judgment, good Lord deliver us.
ase thee to give us a heart to love
ee, and diligently to live after thy
ments: to bless and keep all thy
o give unto them increase of
ear meekly thy word, to receive
re affection, and to bring forth
of the Spirit. Strengthen such
d; comfort and help the weak-
raise up them that fall; and,
at down Satan under our feet.
o please thee to succour, help,
rt all that are in danger, neces-
*tribulation; and to* have mercy
*en. We beseech* thee, O Lord,
*rue repentance; to* forgive us

all our sins, negligences, and ig
and to endue us with the grac
Holy Spirit, that we may amend
according to thy holy word. W
beseech thee, O Father, merciful
upon our infirmities; and, for th
thy name, turn from us all those
we most righteously have dese
grant that, in all our troubles, w
our whole trust and confiden
mercy, and evermore serve the
ness to thy glory, through our o
cate and Mediator, Jesus Christ
Amen.

## HYMN

*For Monday Evening.*

Not to condemn the sons of men
Did Christ, the Son of God ap
No weapons in his hands are see
No flaming sword, nor thunde

Such was the pity of our God,
He lov'd the race of men so w
He sent his Son to bear our load
And save our guilty souls from

*Sinners*, believe the Saviour's wo
*Trust in* his mighty name and
*A thousand* joys his lips afford
*His hands* a thousand bless

## PRAYER

*For Monday Evening.*

l, our maker and preserver, who
s our being at first, and hast up-
o this moment! we bless thee,
u didst create us in thine own
nd endow us with a reasonable
t we might glorify thee and enjoy
ever. But we must confess with
d contrition, that we have not
; we have loved other things more
e; we have feared other things
an offending thee; and this very
erciful Redeemer, too often have
tten thee, the author of all our
, and the fountain of all our com-
t thou, O Lord, have mercy upon
able offenders.

ank thee, O Lord, that there is a
at to which we are invited to
at we may obtain a pardon for the
l grace for the future. O let us
as the hypocrites do, repeating
*ir lips what* they do not feel in
*ts; lest our* very prayers should
*day, rise* up in judgment agains

lves this night. May our sins be
remembrance; and may we no
em to escape from our minds,
ve a good hope that they are f
Christ's sake. Let us not
rselves to rest with either a guilt
ence, or a careless heart. But
down trusting in the merits
rd and Saviour Jesus Christ, an
to him for the salvation of o
ls.

Suffer us not, O Lord, to suppos
merely bending our knees in
render unto thee an acceptable s
y we feel that prayer is designed t
souls near to thee, to make u
e; that we ask in order to

grant, we intreat thee, that we may become more spiritual, more acquainted with thy blessed gospel; that we may love thy ways and ordinances with increasing delight, hate sin with a more perfect hatred, and become more and more fit for thine eternal kingdom. O make us love to pray unto thee and to praise thy name! Angels love to sing thy praise; thy servants on earth delight to worship thee; O may we be numbered among them both here, and in glory everlasting! Amen.

## MEDITATION

*For Tuesday Morning.*

### THE FLESH AND SPIRIT.

"O wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God: but with the flesh the law of sin." Rom. vii. 24, 25.

The remainder of indwelling sin is a grievous burden to the regenerate soul. All that are born again, *truly delight* in the law of God. *To its authority* they most cheerfully submit; *and in that* submission they enjoy *holy complacency*. They delight in

and serious. The new man
inner man, the hidden man
The corrupt nature, howev
generate part, is continually
wards sin, and engages the s
petual warfare. Foiled in th
heart faints and seems rea
Nevertheless, there is yet
the covenant of grace, which
willingness of the spirit, and
pardon for the weaknesses
rest for the weary, and stre
prevailing iniquities.

There is an all-sufficient
Christ Jesus. He is the media
prayers and all our praises ;
him, God pities, and spares

## HYMN

*For Tuesday Morning.*

Lord God! I love thy truth,
r dare thy least commandments slight;
hrink before thy just reproof,
d own the condemnation right.

though the poison lurks within,
pe bids me still with patience wait,
eath shall set me free from sin,
e from the only thing I hate.

I a throne above the rest,
ere angels and archangels dwell;
sin unslain within my breast,
uld make that heaven as dark as hell.

Oh! no foe invades the bliss,
en glory crowns the Christian's head:
sight of Jesus as He is,
all strike all sin for ever dead.

## PRAYER

*For Tuesday Morning.*

ost holy and merciful Father, with
ful, *humble, and penitent* hearts, we
*rselves down before* thee, confess-
*we have sinned* against heaven

and in thy sight, and are no mor
to be called thy children. We r
with contrition of soul, that thou
hast laid us under so many oblig
love and serve thee; though we h
acknowledged the wisdom and
of thy commands, and promised a
to conform ourselves to them; y
and again, has the slightest te
drawn us aside from thy way. I
would we return unto thee, say
away all iniquity, receive us graci
love us freely: withdraw not t
influences of thy Holy Spirit from
worthy servants, who entirely c
thy mercy; hide not thy face fro
not thy servants away in anger. I
not promised to give power to
and to increase the strength of t
have no might? We desire not on
of our sins, but a divine power to
to subdue them; and that our re
may be such as shall not need to be
of. We desire no peace, O Lo
keeping thy law. O settle us, w
thee, in this holy disposition; tha
be kept in thy favour and love, b
*agreement with* thy will and pl
*all things.* Sanctify our unde
*that we may rightly* perceive

embrace, and entirely consent
n all things; and sanctify all our
, that we may love thee with all
and soul, and strength, and de-
ee more than in all the things
. Sanctify our passions, that we
gry at nothing so much as hav-
sed thee. Sanctify us through-
dy, as well as in spirit, that we
ess it in holiness and honour;
ll our senses administer occasion
ds to remember thee, to praise
to bless thee. Fortify us with
of thy divine love, that we may
all sensual affections; and possess
ch a lively hope of those good
ich Christ has promised in the

purpose of heart. "O cast us n
from thy presence, and take not t
Spirit from us. Create in us clea
and renew right spirits within us.
our hearts sound in thy statutes,
may never be ashamed. Keep b
servants also from presumptuous
them not have dominion over us
words of our mouths, and the me
of our hearts, be acceptable in th
O Lord, our strength and our Red
Amen.

## HYMN

*For Tuesday Evening.*

Dread Sovereign, let my evening s
Like holy incense rise;
Assist the offerings of my tongue
To reach the lofty skies.

Through all the dangers of the day
Thy hand was still my guard;
And still to drive my wants away,
Thy mercy stood prepar'd.

Perpetual blessings from above
*Encompass* me around;
*But O! how* few returns of love,
*Hath my* Creator found.

What have I done for him that died
To save my wretched soul;
How are my follies multiply'd
Fast as my minutes roll.

Lord, with this guilty heart of mine
To thy dear cross I flee;
And to thy grace my soul resign,
To be renew'd by thee.

Thus with my thoughts compos'd to peace,
I give my eyes to sleep;
Thy hand in safety keeps my days,
And will my slumbers keep.

## PRAYER

*For Tuesday Evening.*

O Father of mercies, the fountain of all good things we enjoy at present, and hope of our souls for ever and ever! ain would we return unto thee, blessing, d glory, and honour, for all thy good-ss towards us. Blessed be thy name thy renewed kindness to us, throughout day past, in *our spiritual* and temporal *cerns; and for the liberty* thou now *test us of drawing* near unto thee

and not our own; and, in a g
of our obligations to thee,
employ all our powers of soul
thy glory. And, indeed such
ness of thy will, that to be al
and governed by it, is as much
happiness, as it is our mos
service. Make us most dee
O Lord, how greatly we are
thee both for teaching us by
and also strongly obliging us
ourselves in all godliness, pu
ousness, humility, goodness,
We thank thee for the holy
has condescended to set us;
thou hast given us by his bl

exciting us to unwearied diligence, zea
and love, and patient continuance in wel
doing; that so our hope in thee may grow
and increase; and that so we may joyfully
expect that hour which shall translate us
to thy blissful presence.

To thy care, O heavenly Father, we
commit ourselves, and all that we are
and have, this night; beseeching thee to
efend and keep us, both in soul and body,
om all the evils and dangers to which
e weakness of our frame, and the great-
s of our sins expose us. May we be
eshed by comfortable rest; and rise
in to serve thee better, according to
will, in all the duties that lie before
Shouldest thou be pleased to give us
her day of trial, may we be enabled
d repentance and amendment to our
and may every day bring us nearer
se everlasting joys and glories which
hast prepared for those that love
We ask all in the name of our dear
ner, to whom with thyself O Father,
Holy Spirit, be ascribed everlast-
ise. Amen.

## MEDITATION

*For Wednesday Morning.*

### The Prodigal Son.

"And Jesus said, a certain man had tw
And the younger of them said to his
Father, give me the portion of goods tha
to me. And he divided unto them his
And not many days after, the younger
thered all together, and took his journe
far country, and there wasted his substa
riotous living. And when he had spent
arose a mighty famine in that land; an
gan to be in want. And he went an
himself to a citizen of that country; and
him into his fields to feed swine. And
fain have filled his belly with the husks
swine did eat: and no man gave un
And when he came to himself, he sai
many hired servants of my father's ha
enough and to spare, and I perish with
I will arise and go to my father, and
unto him, Father, I have sinned against
and before thee, and am no more worth
called thy son; make me as one of thy h
vants. And he arose, and came to his
But when he was yet a great way off, h
saw him and had compassion, and ran
on his neck and kissed him. And the
unto him; Father, I have sinned again
and in thy sight, and am no more w

While we seek the meanest place,
At the footstool of thy grace;
While we heave the humble sigh;
Bid us, "Abba, Father," cry.

Strangers now no more to roam,
In our Father's house at home;
Sons and daughters may we be,
One with Jesus!—one with thee!

## PRAYER

*For Wednesday Morning.*

O almighty and most merciful Father! we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, and desire to draw nigh unto thee, confessing with shame and sorrow, that we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts: we have offended against thy holy laws: we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. Lord have mercy upon us, miserable sinners; and save us through faith in the blood of thy beloved *Son*. O draw us to thyself *with these cords of love*. We know that thou dost not desire the death of a sinner; but wouldest rather that h

member no more.

Adored be thy wonderful
merciful and gracious Fat
encouraged our approaches
didst not utterly cast us out
when we had turned our bac
but didst send thy only bego
the world to redeem and sav

We thank thee, with all o
he bare our sins in his ow
tree, that we, being dead un
live unto righteousness. (
infinitely we are indebted to
ing him for us, that he mig
from all iniquity, and purify
self a peculiar people zea
works. There is nothing w

f love and gratitude to thee, and of hope nd confidence in thy infinite mercies, of hich we have such strong assurances, by s being delivered for our offences, and ised again for our justification. Subdue ir will into such a quiet and ready sub-ission to thine in every thing, that our ope in thee may increase; and not only , but that we may also joy in thee as our conciled Father, through our Lord Jesus rist. Now unto Him that loved us, and shed us from our sins in his own blood, d hath made us kings and priests unto d and his Father, to him be glory and minion for ever and ever. Amen.

## HYMN

*For Wednesday Evening.*

My Shepherd is the living God;
Now shall my wants be well supply'd;
His providence and holy word
Become my safety and my guide.

In pastures *where salvation* grows,
*He makes me feed,* he makes me rest;
*There living water* gently flows,
*And all the food's* divinely blest.

My wand'ring feet his ways mistake,
But he restores my soul to peace
And leads me, for his mercy's sake,
In pleasant paths of righteousness

Tho' call'd to tread the gloomy vale,
Where death and all its terrors ar
My heart and hope shall never fail,
For Jesus will be with me there.

## PRAYER

*For Wednesday Evening.*

O Lord, our Lord, how excellen
name in all the earth; who hast s
glory above the heavens!

When we consider thy heavens, th
of thy fingers, the moon and the star
thou hast ordained; Lord, what is m
thou art mindful of him? or the son
that thou visitest him?

What are we, O Lord, and what
father's house, that, amidst the imn
of thy works, we are as much the
of thy care, as if we were the only
thy creation.

It is owing to thy long-suffering,
*failing goodness*, and mercy, O Lor
*we sinners* are yet spared to comy

ipping before thee in comfort

st made known thyself to us as
dy to pardon, and not willing
ould perish, but that all should
epentance !—As having given
begotten Son, that whosoever
in him should not perish, but
sting life ! O Lord, we believe,
our unbelief! Enable us to rely
ly and entirely on Jesus as
be a Prince and a Saviour, to
ance and remission of sins.

O Lord, we beseech thee, what-
een sinful in our conduct, and
on, and temper through the day
graciously accept and bless us

safe to affords us, may find us more di
engaged from the present world, a
desirous after a better! May we die dai
to the pleasures, the riches, and honou
of this life! May we glorify thee on eart
finish the work thou hast given us to d
and, at length, in thine own due tim
be received unto thyself, to behold t
glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And, with regard to the time and c
cumstances of our departure hence,
most humbly pray, in submission to t
will, O Lord, that it may be when
shall be best prepared, and in the m
holy and heavenly state of mind, when
shall be entirely resigned to thee, wh
we shall have clear acts of faith in God
Jesus Christ, high and reverential thoug
of thee in our minds, and enlarged aff
tions towards thee! And, at that aw
period, when called to enter the conf
with the king of terrors, grant us, we
seech thee, O Lord, thy protection a
cheering presence; that we may be d
vered from all consternation of mind,
doubt and uncertainty as to our everlasti
state; and, that at length, we may dep
*in the well-grounded* assurance, that wh
*we shall be absent* from the body, we s
*be present with* the Lord. Amen.

## MEDITATION

*For Thursday Morning.*

### THE BREAD OF LIFE.

m the living bread which came down from
: if any man eat of this bread he shall live
r: and the bread that I will give is my
hich I will give for the life of the world."
i. 51.

evident, that by the flesh and blood
Son of Man, repeatedly mentioned
chapter, we are to understand the
mer incarnate and dying: it is Christ
n crucified, and redemption wrought
him, with all the precious benefits of
, acceptance with God, the adoption
s, access to a throne of grace, the
ses of the covenant, and eternal life.
are called the flesh and the blood
rist; because they are purchased by
eaking of his body, and the shedding
blood. The eating and drinking of
piritual food begins with hungering
hirsting after Christ, with earnest
portunate *desires* after him: an un-
*ness to take up* with any thing short
*nterest in him*; and an application
*fferings* and merits to ourselves

a delight in Jesus, and salvation by
and a dependance upon him, for the
port and comfort of our spiritual life
the increase of its strength and vi
It is a fatal sign that we have no
ritual life in us, if we have no d
towards Christ, nor delight in him. I
soul doth not hunger and thirst, it
tainly doth not live. Faith in Chri
the first living principle of grace: by
we have a close and intimate union
Christ; he is in us, and we in him. W
eateth my flesh, and drinketh my bloo
set forth in the Gospel to be the foo
souls, he hath eternal life: he hath it
he has the foretaste of it, and the ho
it, and the assurance of it: "becau
live ye shall live also!" Amen.

## HYMN

*For Thursday Morning.*

O happy Christian! who can boast
The Son of God is mine;
Happy, though humbled in the dust;
Rich in this gift divine.

*He lives* the life of heav'n below;
*And shall* for ever live;
*This heavenly* bread shall life bestow
*And endless* vigour give.

That life we ask with bended knees;
Nor will the Lord deny;
Celestial mercy will not see,
Its humble suppliants die.

That life Thou gav'st for praise alone;
O grant continued breath;
Taught by experience may we own
That praise can live in death.

## PRAYER

*For Thursday Morning.*

### To know more of Christ.

thou Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
God of all glory, who hast so loved
rorld, as to give thine only begotten
that whosoever believeth in him
ld not perish, but have everlasting
we beseech thee to have mercy upon
iserable sinners. Prepare our hearts
ek thee, and answer us according to
multitude of thy tender mercies. We
rn over our ingratitude, and the hard-
and impenitency of our hearts, but,
e all, *we bewail our* unbelief of the
*ed record thou hast* given us of thy
*d Son.*

Though we have read of his glo
little does it affect us! though h
name which is above every name,
ven or earth, how little do we l
for all that he has done and suff
our behalf! Have compassion upo
Lord, and help us. Give us acco
thine own most gracious promi
Spirit of truth, to open our unders
that we may understand the thing
the Scriptures reveal concerning
Jesus Christ our Lord. O give
spirit of wisdom and revelation
knowledge of him; of his person an
of his love and power towards
hear his voice and follow him; th
may abound in clear, enlarged,
dearing thoughts of him: that he
precious to us, as he was to the
company of the Apostles, and th
army of martyrs. Thou, O God,
clared, that thy Son shall be exa
extolled, and shall be very high:
we earnestly pray thee, to give hi
and more perfectly the honour due
name. Enable us to comprehend
saints the immeasurable extent
*love, in its* breadth and length, i
*and depth.*

*Grant,* O Lord, that the Sav

all the graces which shone so
sly in him.
hing be so dear to us in this
o be partakers of his holiness,
y, his goodness and charity, his
patience, and resignation; his
t in thee, and delight to do the
s heavenly Father. Fix our
affections more steadfastly on
herewith he is crowned, by his
uffering even unto death; that
ver be weary nor faint in our
continuing faithful unto death,
e the crown of life. We com-
e this day both our souls and
seeching thee to increase our
e, and to all men, till we are fit

## HYMN

*For Thursday Evening.*

Jesus, I love thy charming name,
'Tis music to my ear;
Fain would I sound it out so loud,
That earth and heav'n should hear.

Yes, thou art precious to my soul,
My transport, and my trust;
Jewels to thee are gaudy toys,
And gold is sordid dust.

All my capacious powers can wish,
In thee doth richly meet;
Nor to mine eyes is light so dear,
Nor friendship half so sweet.

Thy grace still dwells upon my heart,
And sheds its fragrance there;
The noblest balm of all its wounds,
The cordial of its care.

## A THANKSGIVING PRAYER

*For Thursday Evening.*

*O most High* and Holy One, who in
*itest eternity*, and art God over all, bl
*for evermore*! happy are they who

ontinually in thy presence, always admir
g, loving, and obeying thee; and rejoicing
thy love and favour. Thou art worthy,
Lord, to receive from us, and from thy
ole creation, blessing, and honour, and
ry, and power; for thou art great, and
atly to be praised. All the host of
ven continually praise thee; and so
ht the universal church on earth, say-
"Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,
h was, and is, and is to come!"
aised be thy sovereign goodness, which
ds itself over all thy works! "O
how manifold are they;" "Thou
st thine hand, and fillest all things
with plenteousness." Through thy
, O Lord, we can, from our own ex-
ce, bear abundant testimony to thy
ess. O how wonderful and pleasant
recount all the instances of thy
e with us, and thy bounty to us!
day of trouble thou hast been our
and our refuge. In our distress
e cried unto thee, and thou hast
l us. Blessed be God, who hath
away our prayer, nor his mercy
When our feet have slipped, thy
*O Lord, held us up.* But espe-
*ld we adore, O* Lord, the breadth,
*and depth,* and height of thy

love in Christ Jesus; that
"so love the world as to g
loved Son," that we who we
be brought nigh by the bl
Blessed be thy name for
which thou hast provided
be led to the knowledge o
We glorify thee, O Heav
thou, who didst command t
out of darkness, hast "s
hearts to give us the kn
glory of God in the face o
Glory be to thee, O God,
visitations of thy Holy Spi
our minds, drawing our wi
exciting in us holy desir
pious purposes and reso
hearts; giving us to tast
thou art, and setting befo
of eternal life. How often
us when we deserved thi
many dangers have we
how many assaults of the
been guarded! And how
designs have been defeated
and undeserved goodness
ought our joy to be in thy
*salvation!* To thee, O Lo
*resign ourselves* with the
*ness of heart*, to hope an

es, and to study to glorify thee more
ıre, with our bodies and souls, which
ne. We desire no greater honour
ppiness, than to live to the praise and
f thy grace in Christ Jesus; walk-
rthy of him who hath called us to
ıgdom and glory.

## MEDITATION

*For Friday Morning.*

### THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS.

n cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan
hn, to be baptized of him.

John forbad him, saying, I have need to
zed of thee, and comest thou to me?

l Jesus answering said unto him, suffer it
now; for thus it becometh us to fulfil all
isness. Then he suffered him.

l Jesus when he was baptized, went up
y out of the water; and, lo, the heavens
ened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of
scending like a dove and lighting upon

l, lo, a voice from heaven, saying, this is
ved Son, in whom I am well pleased."—
i. 13—17.

s it be*cometh us to fulfil* all righte-
*: thus it becomes the* penitent sin-
*ut off the old man* and to put on

the new; to die unto sin, and to r
newness of life. Thus it become
wash the body, in token of the p
heart, without which none shall s
Thus it became him who condesce
be the leader, pattern, and guid
people, to leave them an exam
shew them the purity and holi
quired in the gospel kingdom.

The blessed Jesus was our e
not only as to the outward and visi
but also as to the inward and
grace. While looking up and
he was preparing for his glorious
and making ready that heavenly
which was now to be founded; p
to be King of Sion! King of saints!
preparing that great sacrifice wh
to atone for the sins of the wor
fecting himself through suffering,
might bring many sons to glory
thus looking up and offering hi
for this great work, behold the
were opened unto him, and the
shed abroad the light of his count
the divine Spirit was poured forth
*measure* upon him, as a spirit of mi
*of power*, and of adoption. An
*voice from* heaven, saying, "Th
*beloved* Son, in whom I am wel

As such, blessed Jesus, may our souls receive Thee, full of grace and truth; and we earnestly pray, that something of that holy unction may descend from Thee upon our souls; may thy enlivening Spirit kindle the sacred flame there, with such vigour, that many waters may not be able to quench it, nor floods of temptation overwhelm us.

## HYMN

*For Friday Morning.*

My dear Redeemer and my Lord,
I read my duty in thy word,
But in thy life the law appears
Drawn out in living characters.

Such was thy truth, and such thy zeal,
Such deference to thy Father's will,
Such love, and meekness so divine,
I would transcribe and make them mine.

Cold mountains, and the midnight air,
Witness'd the fervour of thy prayer;
The desert thy temptation knew,
Thy conflict and thy vict'ry too.

Be thou my pattern; make me bear
More of thy gracious image here,
Then God the judge shall own my name
Amongst the followers of the Lamb.

## PRAYER

### *For Friday Morning.*

O most holy and blessed Lord, thin
are, and thee we ought to serve:
hast made us, and not we ourselves
are, therefore, not our own; but bo
serve thee with our bodies and
which are thine. The obligations
law, and the endearments of thy lov
der it our indispensable duty to be
in the covenant of our God, and to
in the work of the Lord. May
mighty Spirit so write the law of
upon our minds, that we may deli
after the inward man; that it ma
meat and drink to do thy will, ou
pleasure to go about doing good
us the value of time, and ena
improve it to the best advantage
duties as thou hast assigned us
not be slothful in business; but
spirit, serving the Lord. To th
Lord, may the labours of life b
and to thy glory may the refre
*it be sought* and enjoyed: and
*eat or drink*, or whatsoever
*we do all to* thy glory.

hful to observe the descent of
n Thee; and may a grateful
hand, and thy love manifested
l a savour and relish to all.
; world of trial, may we accus-
es to expect afflictions; and
ome, may we be reconciled to
embering that they come from
by firmly believing, that it is
e appoints our daily crosses,
us our daily bread. May we
e them up, and follow our
with a temper like that which
d when he ascended Calvary
s. Like him may we say, in
stance of trial, The cup which
Father hath given me, shall
it? Keep us, O Lord, we pray
the temptations to which we
posed: make us sensible of
kness, that our hearts may be
raised to Thee for needful sup-
ngth. When in society may
he door of our lips, that we
nadvisedly. O enable us to
assion and ill will. May all
the better for us; may we be
ily to *be answering* the great
*life, by honouring* thee, and
*ledge and* happiness in the

her man? may we en
thy presence, and feel th
of it awakening our s
desire to follow Jesus; a
measure, to fulfil all ri
may this day, and all d
And, O Lord, dispose u
view the actions of ever
ourselves, as we expect
last by Thee, who sea
that, when our Lord sh
hear that joyful sentence
of my Father, inherit t
pared for you from the
world." Grant this, we
merciful Father, throu
our Mediator and Re

On this my faith would fix her eye,
My lips would taste thy heavenly grace,
Then should I raise thine honour high,
And teach a thousand tongues thy praise.

The sacred flame from heart to heart,
Should with a rapid progress run;
Till each in God should bear a part,
In sweet communion with his Son

## PRAYER

*For Friday Evening.*

How excellent is thy mercy, O God! and what encouragement dost thou give us to put our trust under the shadow of thy wings!—Thou art the bountiful giver of the good that our souls desire, and the merciful withholder of the evil that our sins deserve. From Thee comes all our help; and in Thee may we repose all our hope. We acknowledge thy great and daily goodness to us; and our own absolute unworthiness of the least of all thy mercies. We desire to take shame and confusion to ourselves, that we have so little improved, and so greatly abused, thy patience with us, and the various instances of thy bounty toward Thy very mercies help to aggrava

pardon of them. Being
may we have peace wit
Jesus Christ our Lord.
that thou wilt be to us a
cies, and a God of cons
that thou wouldest make
thee, as dear children.
thy Holy Spirit, that whi
ing in thy sight. Lor
our weakness, and the
which we are exposed;
the enemy of souls, and
world, which is full of s
all, from the enemy wi
ceitful above all things
wicked, ever apt to be

cause us to shew forth thy praise,
by speaking good of thy name,
rdering our conversation as be-
e gospel of Christ. To thy mercy
umbly commend ourselves and
night; beseeching thee to visit
hy salvation, and to preserve us
nd body from all the evils and dan-
which the weakness of our frame,
greatness of our sins expose us.
repose be safe and refreshing,
nay rise better fitted to serve thee
to thy will. And as thou addest
mercies, add repentance and
nt to our days; that, in propor-
e draw nearer to the grave, our
y grow fitter for heaven. For

## MEDITATION

*For Saturday Morning.*

"Be of good cheer, I have overcome the wor
John xvi. 33

Temptations are fiery darts, thorns the flesh, buffetings, fightings, comba hardships, and sufferings. Christ submit to them, because he would humble hi self to be made in all things like unto brethren.

There is no conquest without a com Christ submitted to be tempted, that might overcome the tempter. Satan ten ed the first Adam, and triumphed him: but he was not to triumph *alw* The *second* Adam vanquished him, led captivity captive. Let saints rem ber, that though their enemy is subtle, he is not invincible: though he is a str man armed, yet the *Captain* of our sa tion is stronger than he. Our great H Priest knows by *experience* what it is t tempted; and is, therefore, more tend touched with the feeling of our infirmi But it is still more animating to bea *mind, that,* as Christ when he conqu *was conquering* for *us*; not only *enemy with* whom we grapple, a

with, "it is written." The word of
the sword of the Spirit; the only
*ve* weapon in the Christian armour.
ighty, through God; there is none
*hat* in our spiritual conflicts. The
aim of Satan is, to tempt the chil-
of God to throw off their relation to
s their Father; and, by this means,
off their dependance on him, their
o him, and their communion with
to persuade them that outward
ons, wants, and burdens, are reasons
estioning their sonship: as if afflic-
could not consist *with* fatherly love;
this is really the source from whence
roceed.

that, though there is a world of wicke
malicious spirits, that fight against Chri
and his church; yet, so also, is there
world of holy and blessed spirits engage
and employed to succour and defend the
Christ's victories are the triumphs of a
gels. They come to rejoice with him, a
to give him the glory due unto his nam
Thus was Christ signalized, and ma
great in the invisible world, by the voi
of the Father, the descent of the Spiri
his victory over devils, and his dominio
over angels: thus was he qualified
appear in the invisible world, as th
Mediator between God and man; and th
is he become the Captain of our salvatio

## HYMN

*For Saturday Morning.*

For ever blessed be the Lord,
My Saviour and my shield;
He sends his Spirit with his word
To arm me for the field.

When sin and hell their force unite
He makes my soul his care;
*Instructs* me in the heavenly fight,
*And* guards me through the war.

riend and helper so divine
)oth my weak courage raise;
makes the glorious victory mine,
\nd his shall be the praise.

## PRAYER

*For Saturday Morning.*

)d of all grace, and giver of every
ıd perfect gift, we humbly beseech
pour upon us this morning the
f grace and supplication; may our
as well as our lips, be engaged in
)ping, praising, and adoring Thee,
rd of our life, the source of our
, and the God of our salvation in
Jesus. As the light of the morning
ısed away the shades of night, so,
u, O Sun of righteousness, gra-
arise upon our souls, and dispel
rkness of ignorance and unbelief
ır minds; and enable us to walk as
ldren of the light, and of the day.
ıast mercifully said, "He that fol-
me, shall not walk in darkness, but
ave the *light of life.*" Draw us
*shall run after thee.* The power
*O bestow it upon us,* that we may

live according to thy gospel, and
thy presence, peace, and love. In w
ever work we shall be called to enga
day, may we serve thee therein, aim
glory in all things, and avoid every
contrary to thy holy will.

O, gracious Lord, leave us not t
selves; for it is not in man that wall
direct his steps: let us not follow o
natural spirit, nor lean to our own
standing; but clothe us with hu
make us jealous and watchful ove
selves, and dependent on thee al
save us from all the evil that sur
us, and from all that dwells within
is our undeserved privilege to be
christian name. O convince us
danger of resting satisfied with the
without experiencing the inward l
power of the Spirit of Christ up
souls: since thy word assures us,
we have not the spirit of Christ,
none of his. Lord, fulfil in us the p
promises thou hast made, saying, "
dwell in them, and walk in them
will be unto them a God, and they
unto me a people;" "they shall al
*me, from* the least unto the gre
"*for they* shall all be taught o
*Make our* souls to hunger and th

sweet experience of these blessings, earnestly plead for the enjoyment of e inestimable mercies.

et thy grace be manifest this day in lives and conversation: and remind us, od, that thine eyes are ever upon us. h us to use this world as not abusing hat we may not be slothful in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord!

onstrained by thy mercies, O Lord, we present ourselves living sacrifices, , acceptable unto thee, through our t High Priest, who ever liveth to make rcession for us; and in whom we re to be found, now, and for ever. en.

## HYMN

*For Saturday Evening.*

Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve,
And press with vigour on;
A heavenly race demands thy zeal,
And an immortal crown.

A cloud of witnesses around,
Hold thee in full survey;
Forget the *steps already trod,*
*And onward urge thy way.*

'Tis God's all animating voice
That calls thee from on high;
'Tis his own hand presents the prize
To thine aspiring eye.

Blest Saviour! introduc'd by thee,
Have I my race begun;
And, crown'd with vict'ry at thy feet,
I'll lay mine honours down.

## PRAYER

*For Saturday Evening.*

O God, the creator of all mankind, didst not only rest on the seventh from all thy labours and pronounce t good; but also didst in mercy set a one day in seven, that we thy creat might wait on thee without distract we beseech thee to impress upon hearts, that the morrow is the sabbat the Lord our God. May we rest from own works, and from all worldly thou and cares; and may our hearts be enti engaged in thy worship and service: we be in the Spirit on the Lord's day; may his holy influences abide with when we return to the duties of which thou hast appointed. O prepa according to the purification of the

ary, with a serious, reverent, and spir
al mind; may we hunger for the brea
life; and thirst after the living water
thy grace: looking to the light of thy
ntenance for joy and gladness.
f any of us are among the weary and
vy laden, may we find rest unto our
s in the living pastures of thy sanc-
y. Is our burden a heart of unbelief?
the Saviour say unto us by his Spirit,
refore dost thou doubt? If sin is the
en of our souls, may we be enabled to
it by faith at the foot of the cross.
hank thee that we are invited to
to a throne of grace, that we may
mercy to pardon, and grace to help
e of need.
our upon us the spirit of grace and
plication: and suffer not the ap-
ing Sabbath to be spent as, alas!
ny of those which are past have
Help us to look forward with plea-
those precious means of grace
may afford: and though we are
unworthy to tread thy courts, or
hy people in the blessed exercises
r and praise, O feed our souls with
d of life, and clothe us with the
of salvation!
now one week nearer to our

latter end: put us in remembrance, Lord, that days and weeks, as they pass bring us nearer to death and judgme May each of us remember, that in the mi of life we are in death; that the approa ing sabbath may be our last. We deser not to be favored with another, nor to h another sermon; we deserve not to h our day of grace lengthened: but spare good Lord: and if our ears have b hitherto shut against the sound of gospel, may we hear and live; may eyes that have been closed against light of the gospel be opened; and hearts blinded and hardened by sin be m by thy grace to see and feel: may lukewarm be quickened, and all who planted in the house of the Lord flour in the courts of our God! May their fa and love, and hope, and joy increase; prepare them more and more for the b and praise of heaven; where the La which is in the midst of the throne s feed them, and lead them unto living fo tains of water. Now unto him that is a to keep us from falling, and to present faultless before the presence of his gl *with exceeding* joy; to the only wise G *our Saviour*, be glory and majesty, d *nion and power*, now and for ever. A

## *SECOND WEEK.*

# MEDITATION

*For the Lord's Day Morning.*

### THE LAMB OF GOD.

the Lamb of God, who taketh away the
ns of the world." John i. 29.

amb slain from the foundation of
ld: the Lamb signified by all the
s of the law: the Lamb accepted
'ather, in whom he is well pleased;
n justice is satisfied, and mercy

our eyes look steadfastly on him,
upon him our faith, our hope, and
, as the only way to the Father;
nly way in which our guilt can be
away, and our robes made white.
ook at him, and wonder at his love
; and love him because he first
. *Let us go to him* as the way, the
*d the life: the true* and the living
*e Father.*

Behold the Lamb of God t
way the sin of the world!" "
Jesus Christ cleanseth from
we complain of the hardness
and want of love to Christ? B
offered up to God for us; and
if any, will melt our hard hea
shall look on me whom they
and shall mourn."

Do you at any time find your
ting, disquieted, and impatient
cross and trial? See how patien
and quietly Christ, your sacrifi
the altar, and bore your sins ar
rows. "For he was made sin for
might be made the righteousn
in him." Whatever

ır thee say, "Be not faithless,
ng." Can we thus remember
orget our own guilt? Can we
nber thee at thy table, and
again forget thee? O what a
e might this be to a believing
give us to taste that thy flesh is
d, and thy blood is drink indeed.
y from the bottom of our hearts,
unto God for his unspeakable
with thy saints here let us sing,
s the Lamb that was slain, to
ver, and riches, and wisdom, and
Honour, and glory, and blessing
n that sitteth upon the throne,
he Lamb for ever and ever."

## HYMN

*the Lord's Day Morning.*

ll the blood of beasts,
ewish altars slain,
ive the guilty conscience peace,
ash away the stain.

*Christ the heavenly* Lamb,
*all our sins* away:
*e of nobler* name,
*her blood* than they.

My faith would lay her hand
On that dear head of thine,
While like a penitent I stand,
And there confess my sin.

My soul looks back to see
The burdens thou didst bear,
When hanging on the accursed t
And hopes her guilt was there

Believing, we rejoice
To see the curse remove;
We bless the Lamb with cheerful
And sing his bleeding love.

## PRAYER

*For the Lord's Day Mornin*

O thou God of love, who hast
ciously commended thy love tow
that, while we were yet sinners
be reconciled to thee by the de
Son! Help us to see and to feel
nature of sin, that needed such
ment; and that great love of
who offered it upon the cross.
could bear these things always
brance; that we could hate sin
*fect hatred!* that we could stan
*our God, and* fear to offend hi

ove that adorable Saviour, who
it the inestimable price of his

ssed God, we desire to magnify
for revealing to us this great
Upon it we depend for the par-
sins, and the salvation of our
nd seeing that there is balm
and a physician that is able to
let not our souls be unhealed:
great things which the Lamb
done and endured for perishing
ost unto us! but let us be healed
es, and find his death a savour
our souls.

we are sinful and unclean; yet,
pollution and defilement cannot
in, opened for sin and unclean-
and cleanse us? Having, there-
an all-sufficient Saviour, let us
less, but believing.

s to know more of the love
thou hast loved us; and touch
with such a powerful sense of
e may make better returns of
nee. Let us never forget or
h unparalleled kindness; but
*constrained by it to* live unto
*died for us, and* rose again.
*d, let the serving* and enjoying

thee be ever our chief joy. And
thing in the world be so dear to us
name of our adorable Emanuel. W
thee for having so far consulted th
of our souls, as to set apart this day
uses, that we might engage in a
attendance upon thee. Oh! how
higher might have been our enjoy
thy favour; how much nearer m
have been to thee our God; and ho
fitter for thy heavenly kingdom,
diligently and conscientiously i
those means of grace, which th
been pleased to afford us!

But graciously look upon us in t
of thy love; and for his sake, fo
all that is past. Help us, O God
salvation; and let not either our
depravity hinder the ascent of our
to thee, or the descent of thy b
upon us. But let thy love and pea
into our souls; that we may see the
of thy people, and give thanks wi
inheritance. O let us with joy dra
from the wells of salvation. Let

thy mysteries; furnish them with
ities necessary for their great work;
ble them to suit themselves to the
es and necessities of their several
. And grant unto us, and all the
of thy word, humble and teachable
may we receive thy truth in the
it, so as to profit and grow by it.
this day go forth in thy strength,
y thy grace and blessing accompany
ndeavours; that having served thee
ctly upon earth, we may attain to
enjoyment of thee in heaven, and
thee in the perfection of holiness,
and ever. Amen.

## HYMN

*For the Lord's Day Evening.*

ne let us join our cheerful songs
Vith angels round the throne;
thousand thousand are their tongues,
But all their joys are one.

rthy the Lamb that *died*, they cry,
*To be exalted thus:*
*thy the Lamb, our lips* reply,
*he was slain for us.*]

Jesus is worthy to receive
Honour and power divine,
And blessings more than we can give,
Be, Lord, for ever thine.

The whole creation join in one,
To bless the sacred name
Of him that sits upon the throne,
And to adore the Lamb.

## PRAYER

*For the Lord's Day Evening.*

O Lord our God, who hast remembe
us in our low estate, and given thy
beloved Son to be a ransom for our so
we desire to draw nigh to thee on
evening of thine own day. We would
the hosts of heaven fall down before t
saying, blessing, and glory, and wisd
and thanksgiving, and honour, and po
and might, be unto thee for ever and e
We would unite with the redeemed be
the throne, ascribing salvation to our
which sitteth upon the throne, and
the Lamb. O how wonderful have b
the designs of thy love, and the cou
of thy wisdom! may we contemplate
with the greatest reverence, and ev

ble gift with the most lively
ine and quicken us, O Lord,
h the gracious designs of
blessed Saviour, be thou
aviour to us. Thou didst
in thine own body on the
flee to thee for refuge from
ome, and lay hold on the
re us. Thou tookest our
e might partake of thine:
n, experience the mighty
ace! let it heal our depraved
sanctify our sinful souls;
lovers and followers of thy
hou camest down to earth,
to heaven: O set our affec-
gs above; and may we in
l thither ascend where thou
e to prepare a place for us;
thou shalt come again, thou
s to thyself, to be with thee,
glory.

Father, our souls would
s thee for the mercies which
erienced this day: for thy
us; for the word of salva-
in our ears; and for thy
striving with our hearts. O
eive this grace in vain: let
thee to withdraw thy ten-

der mercies from us: but cause
in grace, and the knowledge o
and Saviour Jesus Christ.

In mercy pardon all which t
holy eyes have seen amiss this
of our thoughts or desires, ou
actions, for the sake of our grea
who ever lives at thy right han
intercession for us. To Him, as
author of our hopes and hap
to Thee, who didst vouchsafe
him up for us; and to the e
Spirit, who reveals him to us, b
and honour, and glory, humbly a
ascribed by us, and by all thy c
and for evermore. Amen.

## MEDITATION

*For Monday Morning.*

### THE LIVING SACRIFIC

"I beseech you therefore, bre
mercies of God, that ye present
living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unt
is your reasonable service." Rom.

Do we live, and move, an
*being in God?* and dare we
*His, to live to Him,* and to w

n; that he might be our Lord,
e and in death? A *living* sacrifice
*willing* sacrifice. Were we not
ve not rescued in the most costly
us, it is true, without cost; but
y to our *Redeemer*. Is it a small
t he offers himself to us in all his
thout money, and without price?
Ho! every one that thirsteth,
o the waters, and he that hath
, come ye, buy and eat; yea,
wine and milk without money,
ut price!" Is it a small thing,
ould thus expostulate with us,
re do ye spend your money for
is not bread, and your labour
which satisfieth not? Hearken

concisely, and yet so compreh
"present yourselves." Is that to
are we too inconsiderable to be hi
his mercies too inconsiderable to c
us to be so? The mercies that
freely from him, who is indeed th
of mercies. The mercies that are
able to us; pardon to the guilty;
them that dwell in darkness; lif
dead; a rich portion, and all-suffi
ness for the poor, indigent, and
tous. The mercies that we are en
to *expect*, as well as those which
The great good laid up in sto
mercies of *eternity*, added to those
The mercies of both worlds meet
us! Have you heard this gracion

God with our bodies and with our
which are his; may we glorify him
l enjoy him for ever *in heaven*.

## HYMN

*For Monday Morning.*

THE LIVING SACRIFICE.

ur of men, and Lord of love,
w sweet thy gracious name!
joy that errand we review,
which thy mercy came.

s mean, wretched, sinful men,
ou laid'st thy glory by;
in our mortal flesh to serve,
en in that flesh to die.

ht with thy service and thy blood,
doubly, Lord, are thine;
ee our lives we would devote,
thee our deaths resign.

## PRAYER

*For Monday Morning.*

t *blessed God, thou* art the great
*of being and happiness:* the nearer
*thee, the more* pure and delight-

ful is the stream. Give us, we
thee, the blessedness of the man
eth the Lord, and delighteth grea
commands. So form our heart
grace, that, from day to day, we
thee, the Lord, always before us,
in thy fear all the day long.

To thee may we ever direct our
thoughts; and with the first ray
that visits our opening eyes, do
Lord, graciously lift up upon us
of thy countenance. O enable u
out our souls before thee with fil
ence, humility, freedom, and
With hearts filled with gratitude
we praise thee for past mercies; a
exercise of a lively faith would w
the fresh blessings which every
day requires. We desire with ch
daily to renew the dedication of
to thee, through thy beloved
Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
love to meditate on thy Holy W
attentively hearken to its instruct
we may know what thou wouldes
to do. Enable us to hide it in o
that we may not sin against t
*earnestly to* seek fresh supplie
*blessed Spirit*, that we may be
*in all the* duties which it enjoin

our delight to do thy blessed
ith enlarged hearts to run in
thy commandments. O help
our utmost vigour in thy holy
our offerings of love and praise
illing offerings; the desire of
nd the joy of our hearts: that,
ishonouring thee by our lifeless
services, we may abound in thy
e fervent in spirit, serving the
ce us also faithful in all our
with those around us. Make
o do good, and to bear evil:
t and kind, merciful and meek,
nd patient, sober and self deny-
sive and exemplary in our con-
o glorifying thee while here up-
e may, at our departure hence,
through thy mercy into the
Lord, and be for ever glorified
enly kingdom. Let no tempta-
us, nor any tribulations drive
e: but let all thy dispensations
eceived as messengers of thy
souls; and let all thy dealings
ing us nearer to thyself, and
tter for thy blissful presence.
*ve us, never forsake* us; but be
*to death, in death* our comfort,
*ath our* everlasting portion,

rough the atonement and merits of Je
hrist, our only Lord and Saviour.

## HYMN

*For Monday Evening.*

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingl'd down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet?
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

## PRAYER

*For Monday Evening.*

*Infinite* and everlasting God, the
*ator of* the heavens and of the

of all things visible and invisible, we
rthy sinners desire to approach thee,
gh the mediation of our Lord Jesus
t; that blessed way of thine own
ntment. Blessed be thy name, O
never failing source of goodness and
, for the preservation and favours of
er day; and that no afflictive and
choly providence prevents our meet-
gether this evening in a comfortable
er, and presenting ourselves at thy
e of grace. May we with one consent
pon our souls to bless thee who
st us daily with thy benefits, feedest
h food convenient for us, and con-
st to us our daily comforts, redeeming
ves from destruction, and crowning us
loving-kindness and tender mercies.
may we shew forth thy praise not only
our lips; but by a life devoted to thy
ce. Forgive us, O most gracious
that our hearts have hitherto been so
affected with thy goodness, and our
quent obligations to love and serve
. Forgive, that when we have known
duty we have neglected to practise it;
especially that we have so often acted
tly contrary to it. Innumerable are
*offences; and they are aggravated, O*

the very reverse of what we ou
O Lord, have mercy upon us,
sinners, for Jesus Christ's sak
forgive us, though we have sinn
heaven, and before thee.

And, O that, as the shadov
evening after another are stretcl
selves over us, our thoughts ma
and more steadily and seriously
the approaching night of deatl
succeeding day of judgment! I
our great concern and anxious
always to stand prepared for our
hence, and that we may be foun
in peace when he appeareth.
assures us, that when that awfu
shall dawn, many shall wish to

ess that are necessary to
ved at thy tribunal! Search
ry our hearts: and if there
ay in us, discover it to us,
it, and lead us in the way
g: that so, when day and
e, and the world be all in
s, we may lift up our heads
ing that our redemption
Amen.

## EDITATION

*Tuesday Morning.*

rather brethren, give diligence

the Son has said, "My Fa
him, and we will make ou
him."

It is the will of God, that
his people should be warm a
religious exercises. That s
hath not heavenly warmth is
Lukewarmness God cannot
as he forewarned the church
rejects with holy disgust. Le
christian remember, that God l
in duty, and promises that,
soul of the sluggard desiret
nothing; the soul of the dilige
made fat." It is only the energ
prayer that availeth much.

If we would wear the crow

ve diligence thereto, and work out his lvation with fear and trembling.

Do you, then, complain of want of assurnce? Be no longer formal, listless, and perficial in prayer. Stir up yourselves, d exert all your energies in seeking and rving the Lord; and then you shall soon ave such communications from heaven, will fill you with joy unspeakable and ll of glory!

## HYMN

*For Tuesday Morning.*

Stand up, my soul, shake off thy fears,
And gird the Gospel armour on;
March to the gates of endless joy,
Where thy great captain Saviour's gone.

Hell and thy sins resist thy course;
But hell and sin are vanquish'd foes;
Thy Jesus nailed them to the cross,
And sung the triumph when he rose.

What though the prince of darkness rage,
And waste the fury of his spite;
Eternal chains confine him down
To fiery deeps and endless night.

What though thine inward lusts rebel;
*'Tis but a struggling* gasp for life;
*The weapons of victorious grace*
*Shall slay thy sins,* and end the strife.

While all the armies of the skie
Join in my glorious Leader's

## PRAYER

*For Tuesday Morning.*

### For Holiness.

O Almighty and Eternal Go
like unto thee, glorious in holin
in praises, doing wonders? We
approach thy Divine Majesty
foundly adoring thine infinite
sin, thine inflexible determinatio
it; and thine awful justice ma

re whom we appear without
who cannot be deceived by
ous pretences to piety.
wledge of thy holiness and
to deny all ungodliness and
and to live soberly, righte-
ly, in this present world. O
stroy in us every rebellious
ery vicious inclination, that
gainst the holy precepts of
hat gives Satan advantage
nders our blessed Redeemer
as King supreme in our
ot sin reign any longer in
ies, that we should obey it
reof: but help us, Lord, to
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maintain; and enable us to go on conque
ing every spiritual adversary, and su
mounting every obstacle to our salvatio
O make us ever jealous over our hear
and watchful over our ways: mortify o
pride, and clothe us with humility; subd
our passions, and put on us the ornam
of a meek and quiet spirit; pluck up ev
root of bitterness out of our minds, a
make us kind, tender-hearted, as becom
the followers of Jesus. May we put
the Lord Jesus, not in name and prof
sion only; but also so walk, even as
walked. We would put on his purity,
self-denial, his meekness, his patience,
bowels of kindness, his submission to
heavenly Father's will, his love to God
man. Thus may we show forth thy pra
making it evident that thou hast called
out of darkness into thy marvellous lig
and translated us out of the kingdom
Satan into the kingdom of thy dear S
Thus may we be training up for that st
where holiness shall be perfected, wh
we shall behold thy face in righteousn
and be satisfied when we awake in
likeness.

Let holiness to the Lord be written
*on this house,* and upon every heart w
*this roof.* Let sin have no dominion

let every soul be a temple for thy Holy
rit to dwell in. Here let the fruits of
iteousness grow to thy praise and glo-
and may we all at last appear among
redeemed of the Lord, "who have
hed their robes, and made them white
ie blood of the Lamb." Amen.

## HYMN

*For Tuesday Evening.*

So let our lips and lives express
The holy gospel we profess,
So let our works and virtues shine,
To prove the doctrine all divine.

Thus shall we best proclaim abroad,
The honours of our Saviour God;
When thy salvation reigns within,
And grace subdues the power of sin.

Our flesh and sense must be denied,
Passion and envy, lust and pride;
While justice, temp'rance, truth, and love,
Our inward piety approve.

Religion bears our spirits up,
While *we expect that blessed* hope,
*The bright appearance* of the Lord,
*nd faith stands leaning* on his word.

## PRAYER

*For Tuesday Evening.*

O Lord of heaven and earth, we des
again to prostrate ourselves before th
and to join that holy company who r
not day and night, saying, "Holy, ho
holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, a
is, and is to come. Thou art worthy,
Lord, to receive glory, honour, and pow
for thou hast created all things, and
thy pleasure they are and were create
Blessed be thy divine goodness, which h
made the children of men but little low
than the angels; and crowned us with su
glory and honour, that we are capable
accompanying the heavenly hosts, in g
ing continual thanks and praise to th
Praised be thy name for all the comforts
this life, and for the hopes of eternal ble
edness in that which is to come, throu
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
how great was thy love, which sent h
into the world to direct us in the way
that happiness, by his holy doctrine a
life; to be a propitiation for our sins
*his death;* and to be the first that sho
*rise from the* dead, and shew light

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the faithful disciples of the
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; and that it is in love and
hast taught us to deny un-
worldly lusts, and to live
ously, and godly in the world.
e, we would most heartily
wills to thine, desiring that
to all thy commands with
e love and affection. O that
le in us such a strong and
of thy mighty love towards
esus, as may constrain us
ingly to please thee in the
cise of piety and devotion,
and mercy, meekness and
and fidelity; with such a
nted, and peaceable spirit,
the religion of our Lord and
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*ration of the* Holy Ghost.
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Thus may we be

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proceed to take a view of all his attribute
d perfections: for each of them is
k on which thou mayest build with th
atest comfort and security. Thou may-
say, my God is a God of infinite power:
ll not fear: he will hide me as in a
lion in the evil day. He is a God of
ite wisdom; and, therefore, he will
me in the way I know not, and make
ise unto salvation. He is a God of
e justice; and, therefore, having ac-
d Christ as my sacrifice, he will blot
y iniquities as a cloud. He is a God
potted holiness; and will sanctify
ording to his covenant, and sprinkle
ater upon me, and I shall be clean.
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e out of his lips.

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tes the *whole providence* of God,
*d for the advancement* of his
*nd the good of* those that love

him. And this calms and satisfies the
amidst all the reelings and shaking
this lower world: and assures the chris
of an eternity of happiness in the im
diate fruition and enjoyment of his L
"My flesh and my heart faileth: but
is the strength of my heart, and my
tion for ever."

## HYMN

*For Wednesday Morning.*

My God, my Father, blissful name!
O may I call thee mine?
May I with sweet assurance claim
A portion so divine?

This only can my fears controul,
And bid my sorrows fly;
What harm can ever reach my soul
Beneath my Father's eye?

Whate'er thy providence denies,
I calmly would resign;
For thou art good, and just, and wise,
O bend my will to thine.

Whate'er thy sacred will ordains,
*O give me* strength to bear;
*And let me* know my Father reigns,
*And trust* his tender care.

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thy name is called. May we
of Christ, as dear children; a
doctrine of God our Saviour
May thy almighty Spirit so
of holiness upon our minds,
our meat and drink to do t
we may hate all iniquity, an
way; and resemble the ble
our pattern, while we trust i
our propitiation. Lord, mak
acceptable to thee while we
souls ready for thee when we
as we are in the world, O ke
evil of it; and from the snar
to which we are continually

may do nothing but what is
thy will concerning us. Set
re our eyes all the day long,
ove into our hearts, that we
rt from thee. Bless and pre-
ur going out and our coming
angel of thy presence save us
and danger. Hear and an-
ord, for the sake of him who
d redeemed us, even the Lord
sness; to whom be ascribed
, the power, and the glory.

## HYMN

*Wednesday Evening.*

we meditate the grace
high-priest above,
is made of tenderness,
wels melt with love.

with a sympathy within,
ws our feeble frame;
what sore temptations mean,
has felt the same.

days of feeble flesh
*out his cries and tears;*
*measure feels* afresh
*ery member bears.*

His mercy and his pow
We shall obtain deliverin
In the distressing hour

## PRAYER

*For Wednesday E*

O thou Father of merci
all comfort; how precious a
towards us; how great is t
This day, and every day o
have largely experienced t
lived still upon thy fatherly
ty. Thou renewest thy favo
and art still pouring upon

e prostrate ourselves before
ing, to acknowledge thy good-
ng us capable of knowing and
To thee, therefore, be given
thy creatures, all honour and
nd obedience, as long as we
ng. To thee would we de-
both soul and body, to be
ruled according to thy holy
ure. We are heartily sorry
not done it from the very
our lives till this time. We
to think of our ingratitude
our own desires so long. We
ose things which we ought
one; and we have left undone
which we ought to have done;
o health in us. But our hope
nite mercy that has spared us
en our eyes, we beseech thee,
ansgressions; and touch our
orrow for sin. All our hope
e that has redeemed us with
ice. We earnestly implore,
thy promises in Christ Jesus,
rdon, but also the powerful
thy Holy Spirit to enable us
ecomes thy children and the
*thy Son. O that* it may ever
*our hearts to* be righteous as

admirable example, may be alwa
us; that we may cheerfully foll
his humility, meekness, and pati
delight to do thy will, O God,
thing as he did. Accept our t
thy merciful preservation of us
this day: we come before thee,
with a new load of thy benefits
all the blessings thou hast form
stowed upon us. Again we would
commit ourselves to thy protect
night; and trust in thy care, when
not take care of ourselves. De
from all evil, and raise us up in the
ing, in such a sense of thy goodn
shall encourage us to persevere wi
wearied diligence in well

# MEDITATION

*For Thursday Morning.*

## STRONG FAITH.

"O woman, great is thy faith!" Matt. xv. 28.

What an honour is here put upon faith! of how great its efficacy! The Son of d is pleased to represent himself as even rcome, as conquered by it. Lord, inse my faith, and make it thus victori-

Let me consider the character of faith. It was strong, it was humble, s persevering.

It was strong. Faith is the great iation-stone of the heavenly building; that we build our knowledge of God; he is, and of all that he has done. aith that sets the seal to the truth of word, to the truth of his promise. aith that overcomes the world. A aith will yield, and give way, like the under the feet of Peter; and leave nk when we need its support. A d wavering faith is like the waves *sea, tossed to and fro,* uncertain *fix, or on what to rest.* Lord, let

the inheritance is out of sight;
glory promised is still to come
tells me it is secure. May I fe
its attractive force! May faith s
my eyes! May I find it supply t
presence, of possession, of sight
may my understanding be di
will determined, my affections r
my life governed. By this hea
may my darkness be done awa
soul illuminated. Heavenly F
me eyes to see the glorious th
are set before me in thy gospel,
walk in this light!

## HYMN

*For Thursday Morning*

Faith adds new charms to earth
And saves us from its snares
Its aid in every duty brings,
And softens all my cares.

Extinguishes the thirst of sin,
And lights the sacred fire
*Of love to God* and heavenly th
*And feeds* the pure desire.

wounded conscience knows its power
he healing balm to give;
t balm the saddest heart can cheer,
nd make the dying live.

le it unveils celestial worlds,
Vhere deathless pleasures reign;
d bids me seek my portion there,
Nor bids me seek in vain.

ews me the precious promise seal'd
With the Redeemer's blood;
d helps my feeble hope to rest
Upon a faithful God.

## PRAYER

*For Thursday Morning.*

ost gracious Father, encouraged by
recepts and promises, and by the
tion of thy dear Son, we would make
our requests unto thee by prayer
pplication, with thanksgiving. We
to bless thee, O Lord, for this great
ndeserved privilege of access unto
and to acknowledge that it is our
usiness and comfort to worship thee
in our family.
*thank thee for* making us capable of
*g and loving*, serving and enjoying

thank thee for laying
one that is mighty and able
uttermost all that come un
We thank thee, if Christ, a
him, have been made in son
cious to our souls. O how
tience and long suffering
spared our lives, and kept u
while we were going in the
destroyer! O how wonderful
kindness, if any of us have
to a serious sense of our pa
awakened to true repentance,
to seek after peace with thee,
joyment of thy favour, as our
piness!

Long did we forget

ave been negligent in loving and serving
ee.

But, glory be to thy name, there is for-
veness with thee, that thou mayest be
ared. O wash us in the blood of thy
ar Son, sanctify us by his Spirit, and
ept us in his merits. We dare not
w nigh to thee, but in the name of
ist; nor expect any mercy but for his
. O Holy Spirit, dwell in our hearts
aith, fill us with heavenly love, and
ngthen us for all holy obedience. Let
thoughts and affections be fixed on
and Christ, on divine precepts and
ises. Let grace regulate and sancti-
our words and actions, our senses,
ites, and passions. Help us to love
ighbours as ourselves, and to do all
od in our power, both to their souls
odies. Take away our pride, and
us with humility, and put upon us
ament of a meek and quiet spirit.
us from every snare of sin, and
urtful lust. Especially save us
e sin that most easily besets us.
umbly thank thee for our safety
se during the last night; and the
d comfort we enjoy this morning.
*in thy fear, faith,* and love, all this
*nt us to grow* in grace, and the

and the welfare of our fa
We intreat thee to pardon o
our service, and give an answ
our prayers, for the sake of
our Redeemer and Saviour;
ciously taught us thus to pra
which art in heaven, &c.—A

## HYMN

*For Thursday Eveni*

O that the Lord would guide
To keep his statutes still!
O that my God would grant n
To know and do his will.

)rder my footsteps by thy word,
And make my heart sincere;
ıet sin have no dominion, Lord,
But keep my conscience clear.

Iy soul hath gone too far astray,
My feet too often slip:
'et, since I've not forgot the way,
Restore thy wand'ring sheep.

Iake me to walk in thy commands;
'Tis a delightful road:
Vor let my head, or heart, or hands,
Offend against my God.

## PRAYER

*For Thursday Evening.*

thou high and lofty One, who inhabi-
eternity, whose name is Holy, and
dwellest in the high and holy place!
less thee for assuring us that thou
condescend to dwell with him also
is of a contrite and humble spirit; to
e the spirit of the humble, and to re-
the heart of the contrite ones. Invi-
y thy goodness, and constrained by
*wn necessities*, we bow before thee,
*y confessing* our sins, thankfully
*ledging thy* mercies, and earnestly

desires of our own evil hea
have been lovers of pleasur
lovers of God; and have idoli
ties of a perishing world. We
ledge that we have abused t
and hardened our hearts agai
ings of thy word, the dispens
providence, and the strivings
Spirit, and our own conscienc
thou wouldest lead us to repe
day of affliction and death we
from us; we have cared more
and dying bodies, than for o
souls; and for the things of tin
to be saved from hell, and li
with Christ in the unfading gl
ven. We have contented ou

y, and make us partakers of the di-
nature. May thy Holy Spirit fill our
with faith and wisdom, and our
s with holiness and love! Let the
hts of thy love to us in Christ, of our
n and peace with thee, and of the
sed joys of heaven, be our comfort
the afflictions and sorrows of life.
us to redeem our precious time, to
treasure in heaven, and to seek first
ingdom of God and his righteousness.
us conquerors over every temptation,
reserve us to thy heavenly kingdom.
thy blessing be on this family, on all
ires and concerns. Ever keep us in
nd peace, and in every holy duty to
nd to one another. We thank thee
e mercies of our past lives, and par-
rly of this day. Protect us this night
every evil. Refresh us with rest in
Prepare us for the duties and events
morrow. May we live every day in
ar, and to thy glory; that we may
ith thee in a glorious eternal day,
there shall be night no more for
Hear and answer us in all our
fect *petitions and* supplications for
*ke of our all-prevailing* Intercessor.

with so great a cloud of witnesses, let u
every weight, and the sin which doth s
set us, and let us run with patience th
before us, looking unto Jesus the author
er of our faith." Hebrews xii. 1—3.

Christians have a race to run;
service, and a race of sufferings;
of obedience, both active and passi
race is set before them; it is mar
both by the word of God, and the e
of his faithful servants, that cloud
nesses, with which they are encor
It is set out by proper limits an
tions: the mark they run to, and t
they run for, are set before then
race must be run with patience an

ve the example of the Lord Jesus
to animate and encourage them;
y are directed to run, "looking
esus, the author and finisher of our
He is not only the object of this
but likewise its author. He is the
leader and precedent of our faith;
the purchaser of the spirit of faith;
romulgator of the rule of faith, the
ent cause of the grace of faith. He is
vise the finisher of our faith: the ful-
r of all scripture promises and prophe-
; he is the finisher of grace, and the
rk of faith in the souls of his people:
d he is the judge and the rewarder of
eir faith: he determines who are they
at reach the mark, and from him and in
im, they have the prize.

Look unto Jesus; look at the trials he
met with in his race and course. "He en
dured the contradiction of sinners agains
himself;" they were continually opposin
him, and crossing his great designs; a
though he could easily have confound
them, yet he endured their perversen
and provocations with the greatest
patience. "He endured the cross,"—
the sufferings he met with in the wo
for he took up his cross betimes; a
length endured that painful, ignom

and man; to open a way of sal
for the chief of sinners; and a
himself was to rise from the
first-born among many breth
now he is set down at the ri
the throne of God: He is exal
tion of the highest honour,
greatest power and influence
lives to make intercession for

Let us then consider him, m
upon him, look to him for d
assistance, and for acceptanc
sufferings. If we compare Cl
ings with our own, we shall fi
far exceed ours both in nat
measure. These consideratio

wy, and of long continuance; and, the
t way to prevent this, is to look unto
us and consider him. By faith and
ditation we shall obtain fresh supplies
strength, comfort, and courage; for he
assured us, "if we suffer with him, we
ll also reign with him."
Now to him who hath loved us, and
en us everlasting consolation and good
e through grace, be everlasting praises.
en.

## HYMN

*For Friday Morning.*

Awake our souls, away our fears,
  Let every trembling thought be gone!
Awake, and run the heavenly race,
  And put a cheerful courage on.

True, 'tis a strait and thorny road,
  And mortal spirits tire and faint;
But they forget the mighty God
  That feeds the strength of every saint:

The mighty God whose matchless pow'r
  Is ever *new, and ever young,*
*And firm endures,* while endless years,
  *Their everlasting circles* run.

Swift as an eagle cuts the
We'll mount aloft to thin
On wings of love our souls
Nor tire amidst the heave

## PRAYER

*For Friday Mornin*

O Almighty God, the Fath
from whom cometh down ever
perfect gift; we bless thee t
thy tender mercy the day-spri
high hath visited us, to give lig
that sit in darkness and in the
death; to guide our feet into
peace.

l. O may we work the work of God, lieving in him whom he hath sent. O us to glorify thy name, and to work ur salvation with fear and trembling. ly impress on our hearts the solemn leration that upon this moment of depends an unchanging eternity, and our everlasting happiness, *all that ns us for ever*, hangs upon a life so ly gone, and that will never return. s gird up the loins of our minds, and strength, prepare in earnest to run hristian race. Are we slothful? O en us! Are we burdened with easily ing sins? O enable us to cast them d to watch unto prayer!

rn away our eyes from beholding , and quicken thou us in thy ways: us as zealous for our God, as we have eager for the world: and enable us w the sincerity of our profession by eal and fervency, which are the very d soul of religion!

our Father, if we have ever wanted rt, it is not because thou wantest ! if we have ever wanted strength, ot because thine arm is shortened or ear heavy! It has been our own *and sin that has hindered* and drawn *le from the christian* course! We

turned not off our eyes from the va
that surrounded us. We have given
to the world, the flesh, and the devil
thus have been burdened and hinder
them. Thy grace it is, O heavenly F
that has called us to the christian
O make us so firmly thine, that n
that befals us in the world, may se
us from the heavenly path: let us
of them that draw back unto per
but of them that believe to the sav
the soul. Hold thou us up, and we
be safe, and shall have respect un
statutes continually. And as we too
renew our sins, gracious Lord, ren
again to repentance: though we fa
us not be utterly cast down; but
us with thine Almighty hand. O m
faithful unto death, that thou mayes
us the crown of life. Make us to
unto the end, that we may be saved
receive the glorious prize of our hig
ing, even the salvation of our souls.
Amen.

HYMN

*For Friday Evening.*

Ye servants of the Lord,
*Each in* his office wait
*Observant of* his heavenly word,
*And watchful* at his gate.

such a posture found;
hall his Lord with rapture see,
d be with honour crown'd.

ist shall the banquet spread,
h his own royal hand,
aise that faithful servant's head,
idst the angelic band.

## PRAYER

*For Friday Evening.*

FOR QUICKENING GRACE.

of all grace, who hast of thine
g mercy provided a Saviour for

thee through the blindness of our hea
but shine into our minds to give us
light of the knowledge of thy glory,
seen in Jesus Christ our Lord.

We acknowledge and bewail before t
O thou all-seeing God, our backward
to the duties of thy holy service.
should delight in thy law, and serve
with all gladness of heart, making it
meat and drink to do thy will: but
how cold and listless are we in the
formance of that which is most condu
to our happiness, and which most ne
and eternally concerns us! We are aliv
the world, and ever ready to be transpo
with the objects of sense; but oh,
heavy and dead in those offices of att
ance on our Lord, which are the joy
glory of all the hosts of heaven! Our
cleave unto the dust! O quicken us,
cording to thy word; quicken us, O L
according to thy command, which req
us to be spiritual minded, fervent in sp
serving the Lord. Quicken us accor
to thy promise, that sin shall not
dominion over thy servants; and that
wilt perfect that which concerneth t
O gracious Lord! be thou pleased to
*fect that which* concerns our souls.
*help us to exert* ourselves with vigo

Let nothing in the world give us
pleasure and satisfaction, as to
r hearts unto thee our God, and
ll our works acceptable in thy
y we account all things but loss,
ay be found in Christ Jesus our
ing the righteousness which is
faith: may we be conformed to
death, and partake of the power
urrection. May we press con-
rward to the prize of our high
ving our conversation in heaven;
g for the glorious appearing of
and Saviour, to change our vile
d fashion them like unto his
body; according to the mighty
hereby he is able to subdue all

by their trust and hope in his p
and obedience to his will; by their
seriousness and constancy in the
of God, their peculiar love to one
and good will to all men: in a w
their peculiar likeness to God, the
for the pleasures of religion, thei
to their duty in this world, and th
nitely superior interests in anoth

Lord, grant us thy grace, that
be numbered with this peculiar
give us more and more of that
which is from above, which is p
peaceable, full of mercy and goo
more of that true and vital faith,
we may cleave to thee and thy

## HYMN

*For Saturday Morning.*

y soul that lives on high,
a man lie grov'ling here!
oes are fixt above the sky,
faith forbids his fear.

nscience knows no secret stings,
e peace and joy combine
d a life, whose holy springs
hidden and divine.

ts in secret on his God;
God in secret sees:
th be all in arms abroad,
lwells in heavenly peace.

nts no pomp nor royal throne,
nake him happy here;
t and pleas'd to live unknown,
Christ his life appear.

ks to heaven's eternal hill,
*neet that glorious day:*
*tient waits his* Saviour's will,
*ul to call away.*

thou, in thy infinite condescen-
mercy, say to thy offending children
ye my face?" And shall not our
reply, "Thy face, Lord, will we s
may we seek thee with our whole
O how great is thy love, that we s
invited to come to thee as thy c
We would come, O Lord, pleadi
gracious promises thou hast given
our desires and encourage our ho
thy laws into our minds, and wr
in our hearts, and our sins and
remember no more! Thou hast
promised that if we walk in th
thou art in the light, we shall ha
ship with the Father, and with
Jesus Christ. O sanctify our sin

fainting: exercising ourselves unto
s, continuing watchful in prayer,
our hearts with all diligence, and
the race set before us with all
ness, being full of ardour in thy
d full of good fruit to thy honour;
ouring to be accepted here to thy
nd hereafter to thy glory. To this
beseech thee, O Lord, to strengthen
all might by thy Spirit in the
an. Blessed be thy name, O our
thou hast inspired our hearts with
oly desires and resolutions; we
egard it as an earnest of thy never-
ove towards us! Heavenly Father,
joy and glory to know thee, and
nder the care of thy wise, merciful,
ighty providence at present; and
n a good hope through grace, of a
of life in thy presence, where there
ss of joy, and pleasures for ever-
This is all our salvation, and all
ire. And O that this joy may in-
continually; and while we grow in
and holiness, may the joy of the
e our strength; and may we go from
h to strength, till at last we shall
around thy throne, and enter into
*of our Lord!*

*these devout* impressions we would

enter upon the duties of this day. Let doing of our duty be our pleasure, and serve thee be our great reward. Le contented mind be instead of all that want; and a thankful heart sweeten e enjoyment. May a humble submissio thy will preserve us in a settled tran lity of mind; and may our thoughts much there while we live, where we de to be when we die. That so heaven b our aim, our hope, and the longing ex tation of our souls, we may conquer difficulties in our way to it. May we through honour and dishonour, good port and evil report, prosperity and ad sity, with cheerfulness and evenness mind. And at last bring us, we hum pray thee, to thy eternal rest and pe to be for ever with our glorified Redee who is able to do for us abundantly ab all that we can ask, conceive, or thi to wash us from our sins in his blood sanctify us by his Spirit, and to make unto our God kings and priests. To be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

## HYMN

*For Saturday Evening.*

Lord, I am thine, but thou wilt prove
My faith, my patience, and my love;
When men of spite against me join,
They are the sword, the hand is thine.

Their hope and portion lie below;
'Tis all the happiness they know;
'Tis all they seek: they take their shares,
Then die, and leave it to their heirs.

What sinners value, I resign;
Lord, 'tis enough that thou art mine;
I shall behold thy blissful face,
And stand complete in righteousness.

This life's a dream, an empty show;
But the bright world to which I go
Hath joys substantial and sincere;
When shall I wake, and find me there?

O glorious hour! O blest abode!
I shall be near and like my God!
And flesh and sin no more controul
The sacred pleasures of the soul.

My flesh shall slumber in the ground,
Till the last trumpet's joyful sound;
Then burst the chains with sweet surprise,
And in my Saviour's image rise.

## PRAYER

*For Saturday Evening.*

Almighty and most merciful Fath
whom we are made, and in whom we
move, and have our being; to thy
compassion, we owe our safety th
past, with all the hopes of thy appr
ng sabbath. Unto thee would w
thanks, O God, our exceeding joy:
day would we bless thee, and prais
name for ever and ever. We would
thee with all our souls, if we fe
returns of love to thee; if we have
the least progress in the path of life
the week which is now drawing to a
Behold, O Lord, we present ourselve
before thee, to be inspired with
powerful sense of thy love, as may
us more powerfully towards thee; a
us forward with greater earnestness
and diligence in the way of thy com
ments. O that Jesus, the hope of
may be formed in us, in all humili
meekness, patience and righteousnes
an absolute surrender of our sou
*bodies to* thy holy will and pleasur
*e no longer* live, but Christ liv

y the life we live in the flesh, be by
h of the Son of God, who loved us
ve himself for us. Again would we
ourselves sincerely to thee, to do
l, O God, as our blessed Lord and
did. May we repose an entire
nce in thee, and still trust ourselves
ice, who hast not spared thy own
ut given him up for us all. We
accept humbly and reverently what-
thou sendest us; and in every
give thanks, which is thy will in
Jesus concerning us. We trust
ilt never leave us nor forsake us:
nduct us safely through all the
s of our condition here in an un-
able love to thee, and in holy com-
and tranquility of mind in thy love
ill we come to live with thee and
hee for ever.

ay watchful providence we commit
es this night; to be secured and
ed by thee, when we cannot protect
es: may it please thee to give this
comfortable rest and repose, to de-
ir habitation, and all about us from
it and alarm; and to raise us in
*and cheerfulness* to praise thee in
*se of prayer.* Fit us for the enjoy-
*d improvement* of thy holy day

then we will sing of thy power;
will sing aloud of thy mercy in t
ing; because thou hast been ou
and our refuge at all times. U
O our strength, will we sing; f
good thing to sing praises unto t
O most High; to show forth t
kindness in the morning, and thy
ness every night. Thus would
lay ourselves down in peace, a
for thou, Lord, only makest us t
safety: and whether we wake in t
or another, may we still be prais
for thy mercy endureth for
ever. We humbly beseech thee
these our imperfect petitions an
thy praises, through Jesus C
Lord. Amen.

## *THIRD WEEK.*

## MEDITATION

*For the Lord's Day Morning.*

n the true vine, and my Father is the
nan." John xv. 1.

r was any vineyard so honoured:
vas any husbandman so wise, so
l over his vineyard, as God is over
urch. The true vine is the Lord
Christ! Of this vine believers are
nches. The root, though unseen,
ne tree, diffuseth the sap, and is all
o its flourishing and fruitfulness.
life is hid with Christ in God. The
es, though many and extended, all
n the root, and all form but one
Of all Christ's disciples it is the
oncern to keep up a constant de-
ce upon him, and communion with
adhere habitually to him, and
derive from him all their spiritu

life. Their aim is so to abide i
faith, that he, according to hi
may by his Spirit abide in them.

Union with Christ is a divine
A life of faith in the Son of G
most excellent life a man can li
world: it is pure and heavenly;
useful and comfortable: it is no
means of cultivating and increas
ever good there is in us already;
the root and source from which m
all that shall be in us in futu
have as necessary and constan
ance upon the grace of the M
all our spiritual and divine li
have upon the providence of th
for all the actions of the natural
as to both, it is in the Divine P
we live, and move, and have
Without Christ we can do nothi
nothing that will be either p
God, or profitable to ourselves.
pend upon Christ, not only as
depends upon the wall for sup
also as the branches upon the ro

Our union with Christ is main
the word of God, and by prayer
*the word* of Christ dwells ric
*Christ dwells.* Those who co
*must abide* in him by faith.

n Christ's merit as our righteous-
d plea; and it must abide in us as
port and comfort. Christ's word
ide in us, as a light to our feet,
mp to our path. If this word is
stant guide and monitor, if it dwells
us; then we abide in Christ, and
s.

e who abide in Christ, regarding
their chief delight, shall have ful-
nto them the desire of their hearts.
omises abiding in us lie ready to be
into prayers; and prayers so ex-
nd regulated cannot but speed. If
le in Christ, and his word abides in
shall have an interest in God's
through his mediation; we shall
n answer of peace to all our prayers.
says that those who abide in him
ring forth fruit: from christians,
ore, we look for christianity: that
fruit of a christian temper and dis-
on, a christian life and conversation,
an devotion, and christian designs
ractice. We must honour God and
od; and exemplify the purity and
of the religion we profess in all the
of righteousness, which are by Jesus
*to the glory of* God the Father.

beholdest our actions, and searchest ou
hearts; and who will shortly call us t
udgment.

Help us to remember that every Sa
bath, every sermon, every prayer, brin
hearer either to heaven or hell. Und
this solemn consideration, may we wo
out our salvation with fear and trembli
O let it not be our condemnation th
while we have sabbath after sabbath a
tended thine ordinances, we have o
ncreased the deadness of our souls, a
the hardness of our hearts; and have cau
thy word to be to us a savour of dea
unto death. We pray for Christ's sa
that this may be a blessed and comforta
day to us; a day of repentance and pa
don; a day of conviction and conversio
a day of edification and consolation. M
thy servants who shall this day preach t
Gospel be endued with heavenly wisdo
faithfully and zealously to apply it to t
consciences and circumstances of all w
shall hear them. This day, O Lo
glorify thy free grace and sovereign pow
in making the gospel effectual for open
the hearts of sinners, bringing them
cast down the weapons of rebellion, a
*touch the* golden sceptre of mercy, t
*hey may* live. Let our hearts, we beseec

be opened to attend to the things
h shall be spoken by thy ministers.
them not be as the highway or stony
nd, where the good seed of thy word
ot thrive; or like the thorny ground,
e the cares and pleasures of the world,
the deceitfulness of riches do choke
rord: but may we receive thy word
honest and good hearts, and bring
fruit unto perfection. Dispose us to
with humility and reverence, without
udice, and with minds ready to obey:
the word be mixed with faith, and so
nade profitable to our souls. While
re engaged in prayer and praise, in
ing and hearing thy word, may thy
Spirit rest upon us, and enable us to
ll as for the life of our souls. Help
to spend this day, and all our days,
we may at length receive the end of
faith, even the salvation of our souls.
ay we spend every Sabbath, and hear
y sermon as if it were our last; since
know not how soon our last may come.
ave mercy, O Lord, upon a world that
in wickedness! For thy name's sake,
hy everlasting gospel go forth, not in
d *only; but in power* and in the Holy
*t. May the breath* of his heavenly
*aces be vouchsafed* this day, that

many dry bones may be
dead souls quickened. M
thy people be strengthene
quickened, their love infla
holiness perfected in the f
And hasten that blessed
kingdom shall come, and t
on earth, even as it is d
We humbly beg every bl
selves and others, in the
Christ, our Lord, to whom,
and the eternal Spirit, be e
and praise. Amen.

## HYMN

*For the Lord's Day*

Lord of the vineyard, we a
That pow'r and grace di
Which grafts our wild, our
In Christ the living vin

For ever may they there al
And from that vital root
Be influence spread thro' e
To form and feed the fr

Shine forth, my God, the c
*With rays* of sacred love
*Till Eden's* soil, and Zion
*The generous* plant im

# PRAYER

*For the Lord's Day Evening.*

rd, our God, when we consider
ou art, and what thou hast been to
it a tender, gracious, and compas-
Father! how long thou hast borne
r ingratitude and rebellion! how
thou hast invited, yea intreated
me to thee! and how many unkind
we have given thee! and that thou
beseeching us by all thy mercies;
g at the door of our hearts, and
g! we are lost in admiration of thy
ffering patience, and condescending
ss.

r us not, O Lord, to withhold our-
rom thee; but cause us to surrender
ls and bodies into thy hands, which
en so long, so graciously stretched
ards us; and may we join ourselves
in a perpetual covenant never to
otten. The more we know of thee,
re we must love thee and desire to
thee. O may we have such a pow-
ense of thy love, that it may govern
*passions and* affections; and that
*in the world* may induce us to

displease thee. Whom, O Lord, is there in heaven but thee, or on earth that we can desire besides thee, who art in thine own self infinitely glorious and blessed, and, in thine unspeakable goodness, desirest to raise us sinful dust and ashes to a kingdom of glory, honour, and immortality in the heavens. O preserve in our minds how dearly we are bought, even by the precious blood of thy only begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Early we were dedicated to thy service; and how often have we since found abundant cause to determine we would be thine. We would acknowledge most heartily the righteousness and goodness of all thy laws. We implore, as the greatest of blessings, the renewing grace to create us in thine own lovely image of righteous and true holiness. We would bind ourselves to the faithful improvement of it as the weightiest employment of our lives: and would resolve, O our God, in thy strength, that holiness and eternal life shall be the great object of our most ardent hope, and our most vigorous pursuit. We expect the pardon, but in the ways of sobriety, righteousness, and godliness. We hope for the blessed immortality only by patient continuance in well doing. We consec

of thy holy gospel; and bear our
that none of thy commandments
s; that thy yoke is easy and thy
t! May we never contradict in
e these serious professions; but
ith unwearied diligence in thy
growing stronger and stronger
e of the Lord Jesus. May every
thy Divine Majesty, and every
h which thou favourest us, leave
earts a more enlarged and in-
nse of thine infinite excellence
kindness, of our most bounden
ve and serve thee, and of the
of doing so. Whenever we leave
ce may it be with our minds
enwards; with lower thoughts
enjoyments of this life; with a
ve of piety and holiness; and
fervent desire to become in every
as thou canst approve, and love,
t in for ever! Forgive, O Lord,
our holy things this day; the
s of our thoughts, and the evil
rts. Imprint upon our memories
ts of thy word, and the promises
e. Assist us, we beseech thee,
*ever good* thoughts may have
*ssed upon* our minds, may grow
*principles*: and that all hol

actions
more free, cheerful, a
of delight, till they ar
lasting bliss. There m
those who have wash
made them white in the
to whom, with the Fat
Ghost, be all honour an
for ever. Amen.

MEDITATI

*For Monday M*

THE GOOD SHE

"I am the

ew him in the agonies in
ed the long scene of his
then say, what but love
om heaven, and kept him
at but love stretched him
nd laid him in the grave?
xpression of tenderness be
e expected after such amaz-
it have already been exhibit-
as he himself says, greater
man than this, that a man
lown his life for his friends!
apostle justly observes, his
mended towards us; it is set
mportant circumstance; in that
ere yet sinners, Christ died for
ow cheerfully may we depend
at, if when we were enemies we
nciled by his death, we shall by
btain complete salvation: and
ving care will accomplish, what
love has begun.
l feed his flock, he will gather the
th his arm, and carry them in his
and be very tender of the lives of
r whom he laid down his own.
us observe how the blessed Jesus
the hands which were hanging
*and strengthens* the feeble knees.
*that the church* of Ephesus had

left its first love, that the church of
had a name to live, but was dea
that there was a little handful a
them who had not defiled their gar
that the church of Philadelphia had
little strength; and that of Laodic
neither cold nor hot. Yet a g
Redeemer does not immediately
them! but, on the one hand kin
monishes them of their danger; les
ing apostacy and degeneracy shou
voke him to remove their candlesti
of its place; to cast them out as loat
or to wound them with the sword
mouth, that is his word. And on th
hand, he encourages them to great
lity and zeal by a promise of eating
fruit of the tree of life, of being clo
white raiment, of being confessed
the Father and his holy angels,
sitting down with him on his vic
throne. And, as for his faithful
nians, he not only applauds their
conduct; but animates them agai
terrors of imprisonment and other
lations, by assuring them he wou
them a crown of life. And to the
*delphians*, who, though they were
*had kept* his word, he gives the
*assurance*, that he also would k

he approaching hour of temptation,
t length he made them pillars in the
of God above, and gave them a new
in his holy city.

## HYMN

*For Monday Morning.*

e Lord my pasture shall prepare,
d feed me with a shepherd's care;
s presence shall my wants supply,
d guard me with a watchful eye;
noon-day walks he shall attend,
d all my midnight hours defend.

en in the sultry glebe I faint,
in the thirsty mountain pant,
fertile vales and dewy meads
weary, wandering, steps he leads;
here peaceful rivers soft and slow,
nid the verdant landscape flow.

ough in a bare and rugged way,
rough devious, lonely, wilds I stray,
y bounty shall my wants beguile;
e barren wilderness shall smile
ith sudden greens and herbage crown'd,
nd streams shall murmur all around.

hough in the paths of death I tread,
ith gloomy horrors overspread,
y steadfast heart shall fear no ill,
or thou, O Lord! art with me still;
y friendly crook shall give me aid,
d guide me through the dreadful shade.

## PRAYER

*For Monday Morning.*

O thou Shepherd of Israel, who nei
slumberest nor sleepest, graciously re
us who are now assembled togethe
thank thee for thy care over us thro
the darkness and dangers of the ni
and to entreat thy protection, guida
and blessing through the day to w
thou hast mercifully brought us. We
knowledge, O Lord, that we are altoge
unworthy thy protection; and confess
shame and contrition, that we have
gone astray from thee like lost sheep,
have turned every one to his own
Most justly mightest thou leave us to
of the fruit thereof, and to be filled
our own devices. But we flee unto
thou good Shepherd, who hast given
life for the sheep. Surely thou hast b
our griefs, and carried our sorrows.
wast wounded for our transgressions,
bruised for our iniquities; and the
hath laid upon thee the iniquity of us
For thine own sake, therefore, we bes
*thee to have* mercy upon us. Thoug
*have been* as sheep going astray,
*us to return* unto thee, the Shephe

ne eye. Give unto us eternal
t us never perish; neither let
ick us out of thy hand.

O Lord, our Shepherd, and we
nothing. Let thy loving-kind-
ercy follow us all the days of
And when we pass through the
e shadow of death, be thou still
Let thy rod and thy staff com-
pport us: and, at the last, gra-
eive us into thy heavenly fold;
thy people, and the sheep of
, to give thee thanks for ever

who feedest thy flock like a
guide and protect thy helpless
tered abroad through the wil-

others, we humbly offer u
grace, in the name, and t
diation of Jesus Christ ou
Saviour. Amen.

## HYMN

*For Monday Eve*

I love my Shepherd's
His watchful eyes sha
My wandering soul a
The thousands of his
He feeds his flock,
He calls their name
His bosom bears
The tender lambs.

## PRAYER

*For Monday Evening.*

FOR INCREASE OF GRACE.

God of all grace, who gavest thy be-
Son that we might have life, and
ve might have it more abundantly!
seech thee to grant that of his ful-
we may receive grace sufficient for
race to make us strong in the Lord,
eady to every good work. Thy peo-
hou hast said, shall go from strength
rength, growing in grace, till they
r before thee in glory; and the path
just is as the shining light, shining
and more unto the perfect day. But,
rd, how barren and unfruitful have
en among the trees of righteousness!
ow weak are we still in our spiritual
! O how small is our will and strength
t which is good! How much are we
d many of thy servants in the Chris-
ace. O our God, make us deeply
ned for our abuse of thy mercies, that
ve so little improved the talents with
thou hast entrusted us, and so un-
ully answered the care and kindness
ven, which we have so long expe-

and to put on the new man, wh
God, is created in righteousness
holiness. Whatever else we want,
not, O Lord, the graces of thy S
accompany salvation; but let
flourish in our souls, that the
God, which passeth all understand
keep our hearts and minds, throu
Jesus.

Strengthen in us, we beseech t
things that remain and are ready
and cherish all the seeds of grace
our hearts. May our souls pro
increase with the increase of God
ing in knowledge and grace, and al
in all the fruits of righteousness w
by Jesus Christ, to thy praise a

d thought, and bringing all into
to the faith. May it so prevail
its exercises may be easy and
and forgetting the things that
, may we press forward till we
e measure of the stature of the
Christ, and grace shall be ripened
We ask every blessing in the
sus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## MEDITATION

*For Tuesday Morning.*

the Father giveth me shall come to
that cometh I will in nowise cast
vi. 37.

come should these words be to
When we consider our unwor-
at reason have we to fear that
cast us out! Most justly might
pon us and reject us; but his
, "I will in nowise cast out."
said he will not cast out him
h, the meaning is, that he will
n, and entertain him, and give
t he needs.
all be taught of God. Their un-
gs shall be enlightened. None
o *Christ but such* as have learned
er. *We shall* never be brought

The nature of this wor
not a force compelling ag
but a change wrought in i
given to the soul, by which
God. He that formed the
within him, knows how to
to alter its bent and temper
it conformable to himself.
away our natural enmity to
us a spirit of adoption, and
unto him, Abba, Father.

He can enable us to say,
ther: I know, therefore, he
a father pitieth his children:
and spare me as a father s
that serves him. He is my
whither should I go but to

l and the good: and surely he that
ercy and goodness for a stranger,
deny it to a child. But if we have
of adoption, and are the sons and
ers; then also are we heirs of God,
h Christ. And here is that lively
iven to us in our Saviour's parting
"I go to prepare a place for you;
I go and prepare a place for you, I
me again and receive you unto my-
hat where I am, ye may be also."
a hope that maketh not ashamed;
of that glory which my Saviour
lown from heaven to purchase by
od; a hope of a joyful resurrection
eath; a hope of that glorious ap-
ce of our Lord and Saviour Jesus
; a hope of that blissful sentence,
presence of men and angels, "Come
sed of my Father, receive the king-
epared for you;" and a hope of an
ting state of happiness and glory,
presence of angels, and of saints
erfect.

us fix our faith, and encourage our
pon those animating words of our
"Be not afraid, I have overcome the
" "Fear not, little flock: for it is
*Father's good pleasure* to give you
*gdom.*" *Let us* with the Apostle,

in lively faith and hope, anticipate that t
umphant song, "Thanks be unto God, w
giveth us the victory through our L
Jesus Christ."

## HYMN

*For Tuesday Morning.*

Is there a sight in earth or heav'n
Can such delight impart,
As Jesu's wide extended arms,
And softly melting heart?

"All that my heavenly Father gives
Shall come," the Saviour cries:
"And ev'ry trembling soul that comes,
Finds favour in mine eyes."

Hearken, ye dying sinners all;
And hasten, while ye hear;
For crowds of wretched souls at once
May find their refuge there.

I hear thy voice, and I obey;
For at thy feet I fall;
Nor shall the tempter's voice prevail
Against the Saviour's call.

merciful Lord God, thou hast
d thyself to be the Lord: the
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transgression, and sin. What
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creatures in permitting us to
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fearful in praises, doing wonders.
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ur souls, and forget not all his
But, above all, we bless thee for
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such a sight of sin, as may melt our hard hearts: and may we see thy forbearance in the blessings thou continuest to bestow upon us. O Lord, who pardonest iniquity, transgression, and sin, in every degree, and under every aggravation, mercifully forgive our iniquities; and draw us by the cords of mercy nearer to thyself. Above all, may that love which gave thy only begotten Son to die for sinners, which angels desire to look into, pass before us in all its fulness and glory! O let thy good Spirit take of the things of Christ, and shew them unto us; that our consciences may be awakened, our understanding enlightened, our wills bowed to the obedience of faith; our affections fixed on heavenly things, and our hearts enriched with divine graces and comforts. And whilst we are mourning over the evils of our hearts and lives, O lead us to that fountain of atoning blood, by which we may be cleansed and pardoned. O bring us to the foot of the Redeemer's cross; and enable us to say with believing hearts, My Lord and my God.

Thy goodness has followed us all our days; may this day be among the many *that thou* hast blessed. Bless us, heavenly *Father*, in our going out and coming

all our lawful undertakings: above
our souls be in health, and prosper;
ay thy goodness be our daily song.
day will we bless thee, and praise
me for ever and ever. And may we
tell of thy loving-kindness in the
g: thus may we sing of thy redeem-
e on earth, till we join the general
ly of the church of the first-born
ven, through the atonement and me-
our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen and

## HYMN

*For Tuesday Evening.*

ptied of earth I fain would be;
sin, of self, of all but thee:
serv'd for Christ who bled and died,
rrender'd to be crucified.

quester'd from the noise and strife,
e lust, the pomp, the pride of life:
epar'd for heaven, my noblest care;
d have my conversation there.

thing save Jesus would I know;
y friend, and my companion, thou:
rd, take my heart, assert thy right;
d put all other joys to flight.

ch idol tread beneath thy feet,
d to thyself the conquest get:
*sin no more oppose my Lord,*
*in by the Spirit's two edg'd sword.*

Detached from sublunary joys,
Lord, let me only hear thy voice;
Thy beauty see, thy grace admire;
Nor glow but with celestial fire.

Larger communion let me prove
With thee, blest object of my love:
But, Oh! for this no power have I;
My strength is at thy feet to lie.

## PRAYER

*For Tuesday Evening.*

Infinitely great, and infinitely grac
God, thy glory exceeds our utmost thoug
and thy mercies are over all thy wo
We, thy sinful creatures, have partic
reason to admire and adore, not only
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thee; but likewise thy never-ceasing b
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and our wants supplied. We desir
approach thee, as our kind and mer
Father, in Jesus Christ; humbly bese
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*sufficient* measure of thy grace and
*Spirit, to* enable us to resist and o

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## MEDITATION

*For Wednesday Morning.*

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*and communion* with God. He
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Father, we acknowledge that all
ngs, spiritual and temporal, which
received from our earliest exist-
his day, have proceeded from thy
unmerited goodness. If the con-
of thy favours were to be regu-
our deservings, how soon would
withdrawn! Therefore, not unto
ord, not unto us; but unto thy
the praise. Hear us, O God of
tion; and do more for us than we

## HYMN

*For Wednesday Evening.*

Come, Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove,
  With all thy quick'ning powers;
Kindle a flame of sacred love
  In these cold hearts of ours.

Look how we grovel here below,
  Fond of these trifling toys;
Our souls, how heavily they go
  To reach eternal joys.

In vain we tune our formal songs,
  In vain we strive to rise;
Hosannahs languish on our tongues,
  And our devotion dies.

Dear Lord! and shall we ever live
  At this poor dying rate?
*Our* love so faint, so cold to thee,
  And *thine* to us so great?

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: *crowned with loving*-kindness and
*r mercies! What love* is manifested

in thy precious promises, and t
provision thou hast made for
Jesus Christ to all eternity.

We are ashamed, O Lord, th
is so much lost upon us; that
with no better return from our
hearts. And if at any time w
drawn a little towards thee by
of thy love; how soon, alas! are
minds again entangled by eartl
Thus have we been kept fron
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in thee; walking as seeing him wl
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where the sun of our joy shall g
no more: but the glory of God an
Lamb shall be our light for ever
r. O Lord, accept these our pray-
the sake of thy beloved Son our
diator and Advocate.

MEDITATION

*For Thursday Morning.*

d are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the
f heaven." Matt. v. 3.

undation of all graces is laid in
those that would build high
n low. It is an excellent pre-
or the entrance of gospel grace
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eral opinion is, blessed are the
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fortable lives, and are
hearted to themselves a
Theirs is the kingdom
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the kingdom

Lord, in full persuasion that,
or other, God will provide.

## HYMN

*Thursday Morning.*

thou the grace impart,
spirit, meek in heart,
s my Master be,
n humility.

e time that thee I know,
great I'd seek below;
with all the Lord provides,
from all the world besides.

teachable, and mild,
as a little child,
il let me flee,
ix my soul on thee.

all may seek and find,
od in Jesus join'd!
Israel still adore,
m, praise him, evermore.

## PRAYER

*r Thursday Morning.*

*ho hast* borne so long with
*so much* for us; of whom

alone cometh our salvation, and
we escape death; moved by th
our necessities, and encourag
daily experience of thy mercies,
still to shelter ourselves under t
of thy wings, and to continue
cations at the throne of thy g
most humbly intreat thee, who
the hearts of the sons of men,
wouldest prepare our hearts to
thy sacred presence, and to cal
blessed name. O pour down u
spirit of grace and of supplicati
good spirit help our infirmities,
us how to pray. We who are b
ashes, have taken upon us to
thee, the Sovereign Majesty of
earth: we who have but too ju
fear lest our great and manifold
provoke thee to hide thy face f
shut up thy loving-kindness in
But, O be merciful to us sinne

ur goings in thy paths, that
ps slip not. Make us, in the
thy grace, to go on conquering
quer all the enemies of our
ll the hindrances of our salva-
hou hast bruised Satan under

thee for the mercies of the
We laid us down to sleep,
sen again; for thou hast sus-
nd made us to dwell in safety.
er experience the comfort of
on, and the help of thy divine
pose of us, we beseech thee,
at concerns us this day, to the
name. Keep us at all times,
, and in all companies, from
in, and from all other evils to
reatness of our sins expose us.
hou, O heavenly Father, the
lance, and government of us;
thy counsel until thou hast
to thy kingdom and glory. In
ne sanctify to us all thy deal-
; and seal us thine to the great
emption, for the sake of thy
cies, and the abundant merits
rist, *our most blessed* Mediator
er. *Amen.*

## HYMN

*For Thursday Evening*

Ye humble souls rejoice,
  And cheerful triumphs sing
Wake all your harmony of voic
  For Jesus is your King.

That meek and lowly Lord,
  Whom here your souls have
Pledges the honour of his word
  T' avow you for his own.

He brings salvation near,
  For which his blood was paid
How beauteous shall your souls
  Thus sumptuously array'd!

Salvation, Lord, is thine;
  And all thy saints confess,
The royal robes in which they
  Were wrought by sovereign g

e searcher of our hearts, and the
er of our lives, here and every where
t. Thou compassest our path, and
ing down, and art acquainted with
ways. Lord, put our hearts into a
ame, fit to attend upon thy glorious,
ing Majesty. Work in us, by the
of thy grace, that change which we
work in ourselves. Justly mightest
ithdraw thy tender mercies from us,
ur out thy wrath and indignation
s to the uttermost; making us to
d feel, by dreadful experience, that
evil and bitter thing to depart from
e living God. But thy patience is
ful, thy goodness is infinite; and,
y majesty, so is thy mercy. We
re humbly beseech thee to stretch
he hand of thy power and grace,
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e tied and bound with the chain of
s. Cause us to feel, to abhor, and
ake our iniquities: and, O! give
ell-grounded apprehension of our
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the work thou hast given us to do. whenever thou shalt be pleased to for us away, may we have nothing to t to depart in peace, according to thy ; to quit the body with cheerfulness ; in faith fearlessly to commend our s into thy gracious hands, trust- n the riches of thy grace, and the g merits of thy blessed Son. And for at he has so wonderfully effected to er us, and to obtain eternal redemp- 'or us : for whatever good thou hast ght in us ; and for the hope of glory hast given us : to thy name, O blessed of our salvation, we desire to ascribe raise and glory, now and for ever- . Amen.

## MEDITATION

*For Friday Morning.*

herefore I say unto you, Take no thought ur life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall nor yet for your bodies, what ye shall put Matt. vi. 25.

*I say unto you.*" What is it that Jesus ? "*Take no thought for your life.*" th it as our lawgiver, and the sovereign

ur hearts: he saith it as our con
the helper of our joy.
he care he forbids is, a disquieti
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causes it to hang in suspense;
urbs our joy in God, and casts
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ey reap, nor gather into barn
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s of the field. God has arrayed
all their beauty, surpassing that of
in his glory. If he so clothe the
d grass, much more will he clothe
n he hath chosen for immortality.
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efore the gourd; much more the
Zion, who are in covenant with
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l, the fountain and spring of them
d though he is in heaven and we
th, he observes what the least of
ccasion for; and he will provide.

## HYMN

*For Friday Morning.*

iet, Lord, my froward heart,
Make me teachable and mild,
right, simple, free from art,
*Make me as a weaned child:*
*n distrust and envy free,*
*'d with all that pleases thee.*

What thou shalt to-day provide,
Let me as a child receive;
What to-morrow may betide,
Calmly to thy wisdom leave;
'Tis enough that thou wilt care,
Why should I the burden bear.

As a little child relies
On a care beyond his own;
Knows he's neither strong nor wise;
Fears to stir a step alone:
Let me thus with thee abide,
As my Father, Guard, and Guide.

Thus preserv'd from Satan's wiles,
Safe from dangers, free from fears,
May I live upon thy smiles,
Till the promis'd hour appears;
When the sons of God shall prove,
All their Father's boundless love.

## PRAYER

*For Friday Morning.*

O most high and gracious God! Fat
of our Lord Jesus Christ, we desire to dr
nigh unto thee acknowledging that we
thine, that thou hast made us, and not
ourselves. O may we in heart and m
*ascend unto* thy dwelling-place; and w
*all lowliness* worship at the footstool o

r lives. May we receive the
Christ as our Saviour; and
d up ourselves unto him, as
es. Enable us to trust in thine
wer to help and save; in thy
ess to pity and relieve; and in
g great and precious promises
ll that wait upon thee. May
for nothing, but in every thing
and make known our requests
vith prayer and supplication.
t any time thou shalt see fit,
ite wisdom and love, to with-
ediate answer to our petitions,
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re of faith, hope, and patience,
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none ever trusted in thee, a
of their hope. And thus
race, fight the good fight,
and live the life of the rig
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tabernacles, shall be diss
souls be safely conveyed t
eternal in the heavens; to
company of angels, to the s
made perfect, and to God t
to receive from him that cro
fadeth not away. Now to
was slain, and has redeeme
his blood, be glory, domini

## HYMN

*For Friday Evening.*

/hile I liv'd without the Lord,
(If I might be said to live,)
'othing could relief afford,
Nothing satisfaction give.

mpty hopes, and groundless fear,
Mov'd by turns my anxious mind;
ike a feather in the air,
Made the sport of ev'ry wind.

ow I see, whate'er betide,
All is well if Christ be mine:
e has promis'd to provide;
I have only to resign.

/hen a sense of sin and thrall
Forc'd me to the sinner's Friend,
e engag'd to manage all,
By the way and to the end.

Cast," he said, "on me thy care,
"Tis enough that I am nigh:
will all thy burdens bear,
I will all thy wants supply.

Simply follow as I lead;
Do *not reason, but* believe:
*all on me in time of* need,
*Thou shalt surely* help receive."

And our timid fles
Let thy promise and
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## PRA

*For Friday*

O most holy, great
the Almighty Creator
who upholdest all thi
thy power, and art uns
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fall infinitely below th
cellencies! How then
adore thee! But th
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nd walked after vanity. We have, destroyed ourselves. But we would l our souls glorify thy holy name, thee is help to be found: and that ast laid help upon one who is mighty ; even Jesus, who is able to save to ermost all that come unto God by nd ever liveth to make intercession m. We would most thankfully ac- dge the manifold tokens we have d of thy long suffering patience rbearance. O that there were in one of us a heart to study to know etter; to meditate continually on ercies; to love thee entirely; to out the designs of thy goodness to- us. Empty our hearts of all other Draw us, and we shall run after Help us to shew our love to thee, ving in acquaintance with thee; and nstant doing of thy will on earth, done in heaven.

ay ways are ways of pleasantness, l thy paths peace; grant that we ever admit a thought against the and strictness of thy holy law. May ays admire and approve it; may we in it after the inner man. Manifest, *y thee, thy powerful* grace in con- *our will; and* assist us to go from

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; so thou wouldest open our
, and *our hearts to* desire and
*ke, O thou spirit* of life, and
*s thy graces.* O lift us up

from earth, that we may walk in th
dise of thy love and grace here;
faith realize what thou hast laid
them that love and wait for thee he

## HYMN

*For Saturday Morning.*

Come, ye that love the Lord,
And let our joys be known;
Join in a song with sweet accord,
And thus surround the throne.

The sorrows of the mind
Be banish'd from this place!
Religion never was design'd
To make our pleasures less.

Let those refuse to sing
That never knew our God;
But children of the heavenly King
May speak their joys abroad.

The men of grace have found
Glory begun below;
Celestial fruits on earthly ground
From faith and hope may grow.

The hill of Zion yields
A thousand sacred sweets,
*Before* we reach the heavenly fields,
*Or* walk the golden streets.

n let our songs abound,
nd every tear be dry;
re marching through Immanuel's ground
'o fairer worlds on high.

## PRAYER

*For Saturday Morning.*

r God! who dwellest in the high-
vens, with what awe and reverence
ve to make mention of thy name;
iat humility of soul ought we to
ledge thy divine grace, that thou
t so great, and highly exalted, dost
thyself to take notice of such sinful
ellious children as we are! Thou
st to be admired with our highest
ts; and to be loved with all our
and soul, and strength. We ought
der thee most cheerful service;
leed, never do we so much promote
n happiness, as when we lose all
ts of ourselves, and forget all things
n admiring, loving, praising, and
g thee. All thy ways are ways of
itness, and all thy paths are peace;
*ping them there* is great reward.
*loveth them* loveth life.

the desire of our sou
more steady and af
thee, to be more infl
and all mankind. (
resign itself to thine
with thy providenc
opportunities of doin

O God, deny us
though we are unwor
mercies; but strengt
thy Spirit in the inne
do thou graciously te
the right way, and a
constantly encourage
ing and refreshing us
to faint; upholding

of them in immortal life. Thou
od before we ask; and thou giv-
unto us, that thou mayest en-
to ask for more. Thou pitiest us
ve no compassion for ourselves;
l careful of us when we trifle
chest mercies. Let this be our
have Christ formed in us; and
le like unto the Son of thy
ive us a lively and animating
ing with him in his heavenly
ith all those that love his ap-
men and Amen.

## HYMN

*or Saturday Evening.*

, my King, thy various praise
the remnant of my days;
ce employ my humble tongue
th and glory raise the song.

gs of every hour shall bear
ankful tribute to thine ear;
ry setting sun shall see
rks of duty done for thee.

th and justice I'll proclaim;
nty *flows an endless* stream:
*er swift; thine anger* slow,
*ful to the stubborn* foe.

*For Saturday*

Wherewith shall w
O Lord: or bow ourse
O thou Most High.
unto thee in faith, n
name, pleading no
and trusting in no oth
the name, righteousne
thy blessed Son, and o
tor, Jesus Christ. In
found; through him
with thee and accep
Blessed be thy goodn
of the past day and th
blessings of thy Provi

signedly thankful if thou hast given
desire to live unto thee. O make tho
esires effectual through the mighty worl
g of thy Spirit, who is able to subdu
en our rebellious hearts to himself. W
eech thee to blot out the transgression
the week now nearly closed. Look
n the covenant of thy grace; and
ugh the blood of the covenant forgive
ll our sins; wash us and we shall be
er than snow. Shouldest thou deal
us after our sins, or reward us accord-
o our deserts, alas! we could not stand
y presence, nor be justified in thy
But, though we are guilty and de-
l, thou art gracious. We bless thee
t rich provision of grace and glory
thou hast made for thy penitent
lieving people in the righteousness,
e, and intercession of our Lord
Christ, who is their advocate with
her, and the propitiation for their
Thou hast delivered thy redeemed
ing down into the pit by devising,
and accepting a ransom for them.
us, by thy blessed Spirit, that
f this happy number. Continue
ness towards us this night; make
*der thy defence, O thou Most*
*o abide under the shadow of the*

us, and forsa
thine own hands. Bl
sence, thy grace, and t
not the enemy to have
us; neither let the
approach to hurt us.
ple every where. In p
thy salvation those w
bear upon our hearts
those who are near a
near and dear to God: a
ration thy good Providen
earth, grant that we an
with joy at thy right han
day. May all orders and
from the highest to the l
love the truth, and wor
Strength

ghty, suffer us not to close our
eath, before we have been enabled
ce the Lord's Christ in the arms
and to say, "Now, Lord, lettest
servant depart in peace; for
s have seen thy salvation." In all
s of thy holy day before us, may
o the Spirit of grace for willing-
power to serve thee faithfully;
our entire dependance be upon
s of Jesus Christ the righteous.
ie light of thy countenance upon
we wait for thy loving-kindness,
in the midst of thy temple: O
r souls joyful in thy house of
Be thou present in the worship-
mblies of thy saints; meet them
re to meet with thee, and visit
salvation those who wait on thee
inances of the appointment. May
eek thee be joyful and glad in
l find by happy experience, that
in thy courts is better than a
elsewhere; and that thy house
the house of God, and the gate
. Be with all the faithful stew-
hy mysteries who shall minister
*ame. Enable* them rightly to
*Word of Truth,* applying it to
*nd consciences* of their hearers,

*FOURTH WEEK.*

## MEDITATION

*r the Lord's Day Morning.*

ghteous shall flourish like the palm
hall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
be planted in the house of the Lord,
sh in the courts of our God. They
g forth fruit in old age; they shall
flourishing: to shew that the Lord
and there is no unrighteousness in
alm xcii. 12, 13, 14.

s of righteousness grow not in
soil, but in the vineyard and
he Lord. It is from his grace,
d and Spirit, that they receive
ritual sap and virtue that keeps
and makes them fruitful. They
selves under the divine protec-
fix themselves under divine or-
take root in them, and bring
*heir fruit to* God's honour and

They shall grow in grace, in
and in beauty; like the tall
Lebanon they shall grow near
and with a holy ambition shall
wards the world above.

They shall flourish to the cre
profession, and to the comfort
their own souls. While the wick
like the grass which is soon wit
righteous shall flourish like the
their leaves shall not wither. Be
in the house of the Lord they sl
in the courts of their God: ther
is, and there their branches sp
life is hid with Christ in God.
also shines before men, and
the doctrine of God their Sav
things.

They shall be fruitful. Did
only leaves, they would be t
value. But they shall bring fo
fruits of holiness, of lively devo
conversation; and those good
which God is glorified, and
them edified—the fruits of rigl
which are by Jesus Christ to
and glory of God. Other trees,
are old, leave off bearing; but th
*righteousness* shall bring forth
*in old age*. In them the stren

with the strength of nature.
s of the saints have been their
d their last works their best
ew that they are upright, and
d is faithful, who has promised
ho wait on him shall renew
h. The faithfulness of God is
s triumph. If they are plants of
ss, it is because He has planted
right hand. If they bring
t is because He has made them
flourishing. If their leaf does
it is because He has planted a
iple of grace within; if they
to shew that the Lord is faith-
e is no unrighteousness in him.

## HYMN

*the Lord's Day Morning.*

a pleasant thing to stand
s planted by thy hand:
ithin thy courts be seen,
ung cedar fresh and green.

ow thy saints in faith and love,
*thine influence* from above:
*on with all* its trees
*a comely* sight as these.

The Lord is holy, just and true:
None that attend his gates shall
A God unfaithful or unkind.

## PRAYER

*For the Lord's Day Mornin*

O Lord God Almighty, the
the universe, before whom a
archangels veil their faces! we
approach thy divine Majesty wit
verence and godly fear which
those who are round about t
would worship and fall down be
the Lord our maker, acknowled
we are unworthy to come into

st, that out of his fulness we may re-
e all that we need; repentance, remis-
of sins, and the gift of thy Holy Spirit.
Jesus dwell in our hearts by faith,
may we be rooted and grounded in
Teach us, O Lord, to rely on his
, and build all our hopes on his right-
ess. Suffer us not to deceive our-
with the form of godliness; but give
e faith that we may abide in Christ,
ing forth much fruit. O grant us
hearts, a holy conversation, and a
ly life.

nothing keep us this day from our
Thy Gospel is the power of God
lvation. May it prove so to us.
word preached this day be received
faith: enable us to give earnest
the things we hear lest we should
slip.

e glory in the preaching of Christ
Convince us deeply of the ex-
sinfulness of sin, of the perfect
stice, and goodness of thy law,
have broken; of the utter insuf-
our own polluted righteousness
us in thy sight; and of our con-
of Christ in all his offices. O
us neglect so great salvation.
ord, make thyself

the assemblies of thy people
Assist all thy faithful ministers;
they may truly please thee,
them the dew of thy blessing;
they are preaching thy glori
may the Holy Ghost give unto t
dant success. Let thy word
course, and be glorified in the
and conversion of sinners, and i
cation and comfort of thy saints
the dead in sin; awaken the car
enliven and invigorate the h
graces of thy people. May we
joyful sound, and walk in the li
countenance: in thy name let
all the day, and be exalted in t
ousness. Make us strong in
that is in Christ Jesus: strong
Satan, sin, and unbelief: stron
the good fight of faith, to run wit
the race that is set before us, an
on eternal life as thy free gift, th
riches of thy grace.

And O hasten that glorious pe
the everlasting gospel shall be p
in every land; when the year
deemed shall come; and the nam
be praised from the rising of t
*the going* down thereof.

*We humbly* entreat thee to

also to all who are near and dear
ıay we all worship thee in the
it of adoption, through our only
and Advocate. Amen.

## HYMN

*or the Lord's Day Evening.*

: that pant for living streams,
d pine away and die;
ye may quench your raging thirst
th springs that never dry.

's of love and mercy here
a rich ocean join!
tion in abundance flows
streams of grace divine.

Lord, the treasures of thy love
e everlasting mines,
as our helpless mis'ries are,
ıd boundless as our sins.

happy gates of gospel grace
and open night and day:
, we are come to seek supplies,
ıd drive our wants away.

## PRAYER

*For the Lord's Day Evening.*

O Almighty Lord God, great, wo
and holy. Thou art exalted far ab
blessing and praise; and yet humbl
self to behold the things that are in
and in earth. Look down in merc
us who here present ourselves befo
on this evening of thine own day
have indeed abundant cause of hum
in thy sight, on account of our n
iniquities. We have been favor
day with thy word and ordinance
the means of grace, and opportun
drawing near unto thee. Yet, a
must confess we have not rendere
according to the benefits thou hast
safed us. Our services have been d
and defiled. Our prayers and prai
been cold and wandering, and to
disturbed by vain and unprofitable t
and speculations. Yet, O reject
unworthy as we are; but accept us
the sacrifice and merits of our Lor
Christ: and for his sake grant us,
seech thee, all those gifts and grac
*blessings* which we severally need
*Impress* more deeply upon ou

rd, by the influence of thine Holy
, thy word which we have this day
and read. May we continually see
and more our need of that salvation
the Son of God hath purchased for
nd more earnestly seek, and more
y depend upon Him, as made of God
s wisdom, and righteousness, and
cation, and redemption. Open our
at we may understand the wondrous
of thy law. Give us that enlarged
its spiritual nature and require-
hat we may no longer attempt to
ied by our own merits: but never-
nay we delight in thy law, may we
l thy precepts in all things to be
d hate every false and evil way.
ong and labor increasingly after
to thine holy image: and be
pressing towards the prize of
alling.

y holy word to our fellow wor-
nd to all who have heard it this
thou, who alone canst give the
vater the seed sown with the
influence of thy Holy Spirit.
e deep root, and bring forth
may true religion revive and
g us, and may every one that
me the name of Christ depart
y.

Have mercy, O most gracious God all who have profaned or abused t holy day, by employing it in busin pleasure, or in vain and idle conver Shew them their guilt, and danger, a before it be too late. Constrain t love and hallow thy sabbaths; caus to frequent and reverence thy h prayer; and may they indeed atten things which belong to their peace the accepted time, the only day of tion.

Have compassion, O Lord, on al nations and tribes of the earth w still destitute of thy gospel. O se thy light and thy truth to all Prepare and send forth pious and missionaries. Convert all idle she and make them pastors after thi heart: and abundantly bless the la all who in any way are attempting cover sinners from the error of the and bring them to the knowledge truth. O pour forth thy Spirit u flesh. Have mercy upon thine Israel; and take from them all bli hardness of heart, and contempt word. O Lord, hear these our accept our services, and vouchsa answer of peace, through the all-

ercession of Jesus Christ our
men.

## MEDITATION

*For Monday Morning.*

"Whereby are given to us exceeding g
and precious promises." 2 Peter, i. 4.

Worthy indeed of all acceptation, of o
mest and most affectionate gratitude
our highest confidence and joy. Fo
are the words of God, the greates
the best of beings: his gracious words;
ictates of his infinite and undeserved
ess and love; words that speak the
ess of his mercy, and display all the
ions of his nature in the most ami-
ght. Their truth is ratified by the
f the everlasting covenant, render-
the divine promises to us yea and
God himself bearing witness by
d wonders. They are offered to
reeness the most unbounded: so
soever will may come and partake
They will make us truly wise,
spiritually minded: they will
under the severest trials; and
with the noblest magnanimity
*ion of soul*: and, in a word,
*God, and make us partakers of*
*nd glory.*

O, my God, let me never negl
pise these precious promises;
ever hope for comfort from t
the way of real holiness. Let
more despond in any of my trial
tions! Never doubt the power
the faithfulness of that God, wh
such words for my consolation
soul, leave all thy burdens
When discouraged and faintin
thy rest! These are the everla
that strengthen and uphold a
God; that conduct them throu
liver them in death, and ensure
plete and eternal salvation!

## HYMN

*For Monday Morning.*

Begin, my tongue, some heaven
And speak some boundless t
The mighty works, or mightier
Of our eternal King.

Tell of his wondrous faithfulnes
And sound his power abroad
Sing the sweet promise of his g
And the performing God.

*Proclaim* salvation from the Le
*For* wretched dying men;
*His hand* has writ the sacred
*With* an immortal pen.

y'd as in eternal brass
; mighty promise shines;
an the powers of darkness rase
se everlasting lines.

ery word of grace is strong
hat which built the skies;
oice that rolls the stars along,
aks all the promises.

## PRAYER

*For Monday Morning.*

t gracious Lord God, the eyes of
pon thee: thou art the hope of
ds of the earth. In thee we live,
e, and have our being: thou givest
and health, and all things. Still
est care of us, and watchest over
in the hours of sleep, when we
le to take care of ourselves. Thy
are daily renewed; thy goodness
ted every morning: yea, every
dost thou give us fresh occasion
e and thanksgiving. Blessed be
e, for the peace, rest, and safety
ght past. Enable us in the strength
*race, and of thy* gifts, to love thee
*serve thee* faithfully, and to de-

pend on thee without wavering
our ways may we acknowledge t
be thou graciously pleased to est
goings, and direct our path. We
put ourselves under thy gracious
and thy fatherly protection. We
heavenly guidance, blessing, and
of thy good Spirit, to choose ou
ance for us, and to dispose of us
that concerns us, to the glory of
name. O Lord, withdraw not th
mercies from us, neither shut up
ing-kindness in displeasure; but
such a well founded apprehensio
free acceptance of us, and of thy
intentions towards us in the Se
love; that our hearts may bless
all that is within us may praise
name. O Lord, keep us this day
subdue as well as pardon our in
and may we exercise ourselves
always a conscience void of offe
towards God, and towards man.
upon earth, grant us a supply of
needful for us in the house of
grimage. Sanctify to us our enj
and our occupations; our comf
our crosses; every condition we
*and every* event that shall befall
*ble us to* live to thy honour

ke us so to pass through things
l, as neither to lose nor forget the
ternal. If thou enlighten us not
run into error; if thou prevent
hall relapse into sin; if thou pre-
not we shall fall into dangers.
good providence be our defence
rity; and thy Holy Spirit be our
r, guide, and counsellor in all
s: until thou hast made us meet
nheritance of thy saints in glory
ng. Amen.

## HYMN

*For Monday Evening.*

, I have made thy word my choice,
y lasting heritage:
e shall my noblest powers rejoice,
y warmest thoughts engage.

ead the histories of thy love,
nd keep thy laws in sight;
le through the promises I rove,
ith ever fresh delight.

a broad land of wealth unknown
here springs of life arise,
s of immortal bliss are sown,
d hidden glory lies.

The best relief that mourners have;
It makes our sorrows blest:
Our fairest hope beyond the grave,
And our eternal rest.

## PRAYER

*For Monday Evening.*

O thou glorious Majesty of heaven a earth! we would with all humility and re verence adore thee as infinitely above o highest thoughts, and much more beye all our praises. When we contemplate thi almighty power, thine infinite lovin kindness, and thine awful holiness a justice, as manifested in thy wonderf works and in thy holy word, we a ashamed that we do not fear, and rev rence, and love thee more. O God of a grace, grant unto us, we beseech thee, th Holy Spirit to renew thine image on o souls: awaken our minds to a more livel remembrance of thee our Creator, o Redeemer, our tender-hearted Father i Christ Jesus.

Though we have sinned, we have a advocate with thee, Jesus Christ the righ eous; and he is the propitiation for o sins. In his name we are encouraged come unto thee, and seek the blessing

leemed and set free; and the
rishing restored to the richest
by the salvation which is i
is.

d thy gracious promise, that all
tever we ask in prayer believ-
all receive: O give us faith to
thee for the fulfilment of thine
. Teach us so to ask that we
e, and so to knock at the door of
that it may be opened to us.
hat thou wouldest impart to
a heart truly contrite for sin,
mble frame of mind. Grant
ith to embrace and ever hold
omises of grace and glory. May
ued with a spirit of adoption,

seeing these things are so, may we ex
cise ourselves in all holy conversation a
godliness.

Father of mercies, we desire to bl
thee for all the favors of the past day;
entreat thee to continue to us thy prot
tion and blessing through the night. P
pare us for all the duties and events of
morrow. We know not what a day o
night may bring forth: in the midst
life we are in death. Before another
it may please thee to require some of
souls. If so, may we be found rea
having the loins of our minds girded,
our lamps burning; and we oursel
waiting for the coming of our Lord
Saviour Jesus Christ, in whom we tru
and to whom with the Father, and
Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory
ever and ever. Amen.

## MEDITATION

*For Tuesday Morning.*

"O sing unto the Lord a new song: sing
"the Lord, bless his name: shew forth his sa
"tion from day to day." Psalm xcvi. 1, 2.

*Let this* song of praise be echoed fr
*our hearts.* Let us sing unto the L

song with new affections;
ith new expressions of thank-
ew mercies. Let day unto
for his compassions are new
g, and fresh every evening.
earth join in this song; let
ito the Lord the glory due
e. Let them shew forth his
day to day; for every new
w dangers and new deliver-
therefore, his saving mercy
ong. Above all, let the gospel
the new and ever animating
song of praise. Let all the
the Lord sing it; let all the
t. "Let the people praise
yea, let all the people praise
is join with angelic hosts in
to God in the highest: be-
born a Saviour: and through
aimed peace on earth, and
nen. "Sing, O ye heavens,
hath done it: and shout ye
f the earth." This song will
ew; as new wonders will ever
themselves in the contempla-
ning love. Now, then, let us
w song, which, through the
*of our God*, we hope to sing
*light in the* heavenly Jeru-

glory, and power be unto h
upon the throne, and unto
ever and ever." Amen.

## HYMN

*For Tuesday Morn*

Awake and sing the song
Of "Moses and the Lam
Wake ev'ry heart, and ev'ry
To praise the Saviour's n

Sing of his dying love,
Sing of his rising power
Sing how he intercedes abo
For those whose sins he

Sing, till we feel our hearts
Ascending with our tong

ll our raptur'd tongue
lless praise proclaim;
ter voices chant the song
oses and the Lamb."

## PRAYER

*or Tuesday Morning.*

God, merciful and gracious,
g, and abundant in goodness,
Thou keepest mercy for thou-
ning iniquity, transgression,
u dost not retain thine anger
use thou delightest in mercy.
nt is thy loving-kindness, O
ore do the sons of men put
nder the shadow of thy wings;
e do we desire still to look up
tiful hand of thine which has
ith every good thing. O Lord
thou pleased to look down
on us, and be thou gracious
le to us. Look not upon our
re more than we can number,
than we can express; but be-
ercy, through the merits and
thy Son our Saviour, who did
*as manifested* that he might
*r sin.* O that we may receive
s, grace sufficient for us;

grace to pardon our sins and subdue o
iniquities; to justify our persons and san
tify our souls; and to complete upon o
hearts and lives that truly renovati
change, which may transform us into t
blessed image; and make us meet to
partakers of the inheritance of the sai
in light. Teach us, O Lord our God,
use this world without abusing it; and
enjoy the things of it without suffer
them to engross our affections, and pr
vent our enjoyment of thy love, which
better than life. Whatever we have of th
world, may we have it with thy love; an
it be sanctified to us by thy word an
prayer. And whatsoever we want of th
things of this life, leave us not, O Lo
destitute of those things that accompa
salvation; but fill our souls with su
graces of thy Spirit, as may enable us
adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour
all things: that others seeing our go
works, may glorify our Father who is
heaven.

And now that thou hast renewed o
lives and thy mercies to us this morni
help us, gracious God, to renew our d
sires and endeavours to live in obedien
*to thy holy* will, and to the honour of
*blessed* name. O grant that we

s, and speak, and will, and do things
ming the children of our heavenly
er; and so find the strong consolation
ny gracious acceptance of us in Christ
s our Saviour; in whom we desire to
und, in life, in death, and for ever.
n.

## HYMN

*For Tuesday Evening.*

My soul, repeat his praise,
Whose mercies are so great;
Whose anger is so slow to rise,
So ready to abate.

God will not always chide;
And when his rod is felt,
His strokes are fewer than our crimes,
And lighter than our guilt.

High as the heavens are rais'd
Above the ground we tread,
So far the riches of his grace
Our highest thoughts exceed.

His power subdues our sins;
And his forgiving love,
Far as the east is from the west,
Doth all our guilt remove.

Scatter'd with
His anger, like a
Can send us s

Our days are li
Or as the morn
If one sharp blast
It withers in an

But thy compass
To endless years
And children's chil
Thy words of pr

PRA
*For Tuesday*

Almi

more, O Lord, we are permitted
ent ourselves before thee: let thy
l ears be open to our prayers: and
may obtain our petitions, make us
such things as shall please thee.
ow that we cannot pray aright, but
grace influences both our hearts
. O give unto us a hearty desire
. May we now seek thy grace, as
mned criminal would ask for mercy
udge: and do thou, O Lord, vouch-
t mercy to our sinful souls, for thy
me's sake.

lays and years pass away with the
t speed; and every one of them
us nearer to death and eternity.
e feel a lively conviction of the
of all worldly pursuits; and the
y, as well as the advantage, of
y faith on the Son of God: that so,
er death shall overtake us, it may
prepared to leave the world and go
. O God, who hast prepared for
at love thee such good things as
an's understanding, pour into our
such love toward thee, that we lov-
e above all things, may obtain thy
es, which exceed all that we can
*Cause us to lie* down this night
*affections set* upon things above,

love the thing tha
desire that which
so, among the sund
of the world, our
be fixed, where tru
Suffer us not to
vanities. Suffer us
by the form of religi
of it. O, Holy Spir
and to do always suc
that we, who cannot
good without thee, m
to live according to th
put our trust in any th
alas! all our doings
but may our dependan

pare a place for his people; that where
s, there we may be also, to be with
, and behold his glory. In his name
most humbly ask every blessing for
selves and others. Amen.

## MEDITATION

*For Wednesday Morning.*

Blessed is the people that know the joyful
nd." Psalm lxxxix. 15.

he joyful sound of their deliverer and
ir Saviour. Such was thy God, O Is-
l! and such is thy God, O believer!
Gospel is indeed a joyful sound: a
nd of victory over the powers of dark-
s, and of liberty from the slavery of
: a sound of pardoning mercy for rebel-
s mortals. A joyful proclamation that
d will indeed dwell with men, and that
y shall have fellowship with him and
h his Son Jesus Christ. A proclama-
n of the gracious and sanctifying influ-
e of his Holy Spirit to renew their
rts to holiness, and help them to do his
l; and of a heavenly crown and eternal
ry to him *that overcometh.*
*Blessed are the people* that hear this
*d sound. They* shall walk, O Lord,

loving-kindness. Blessed is
who thus derives his comfort
favour, and abides in his love.

## HYMN

*For Wednesday Morni*

Bless'd are the souls that hear
The gospel's joyful sound;
Peace shall attend the path th
And light their steps surrou

Their joy shall bear their spiri
Through their Redeemer's
His righteousness exalts their
Nor Satan dares condemn.

## PRAYER

*For Wednesday Morning.*

d, we desire to adore thy name
excellent in all the earth, and
ory is above the heavens. Thou
aker and disposer of all things;
ay sovereign pleasure it is they
rst created, and that they still
y hands have made and fashioned
all that we enjoy comes from
we are the workmanship of thy
nake us likewise the children of
created anew in Christ Jesus,
ousness and true holiness. Give
hou hast formed us for thyself,
us to shew forth thy praise;
ling us to live unto thy glory,
urly sustained by thy bounty.
ust confess, O Lord, that we
elded thee that glory which
ade us capable of rendering
nd in so many ways made it
on us to do. We are prone
, who art never unmindful of
sobey thee, whose goodness
uried. For these things, O
*sinfulness of our nature and*
*e desire* to pour out our

Strengthen us, O
Spirit, in the inn
watchful against, a
corruptions of our
of Satan, and the si
ments of the world.
root of bitterness, e
grace hath not plant
vicious habit and reb
exalts itself against t
and against obedienc
Christ. Increase and
and more thy faith,
Let not one grace o
wanting; let not one
us such manifestations
conform us

id are pressing forward to his
Day by day, may we magnify
rd, who crownest every day
nder mercies. We bless thee
protection, and preservation
ight. O cause us this morning
loving-kindness, for in thee
: make us to know the way
should go, for we lift up our
hee. Cast us not away from
e; take not thy Holy Spirit
ut direct our hearts into the
holy name, and our feet into
hy testimonies. Whether we
k, or whatever we do, may we
ne glory of God; and walk as
who is invisible. Command
to encamp around us, and to
heir hands; and may their God
e the strength of our hearts,
f our ways, and our portion for
er; through Jesus Christ our
en.

## HYMN

*or Wednesday Evening.*

ll the young secure their hearts,
*uard their lives from* sin?
*the choicest rules* imparts
*the conscience* clean.

And through the dangers of th
A lamp to lead our way.

The men that keep thy law wi
And meditate thy word,
Grow wiser than their teacher
And better know the Lord.

Thy precepts make me truly
I hate the sinners road:
I hate my own vain thoughts
But love thy law, my God.

The starry heavens thy rule o
The earth maintains her pla
And these thy servants night
Thy skill and power expres

But still thy law and gospel, l

## PRAYER

*For Wednesday Evening.*

ghty God, our heavenly Father, that under all our sinfulness, and danger, we have a throne go to; and that thou invitest us ith holy boldness to it, that we mercy to pardon and grace to ery time of need. We would d, abuse thy grace, or make our an excuse for negligence and confess thou hast already given rength than we have used; and it upon ourselves, and not on we have not received more abun- ies. O may we for the future nore diligent in the use of all ted means of grace. Be merci- ed to shed abroad thy sanctify- ces on our souls, to form us for which thou requirest. Plant

When that pervades th' inquiring mind,
And spreads its light abroad;
The meanest souls instruction find,
And raise their thoughts to God.

'Tis like the sun, a heavenly light,
To guide us all the day;
And through the dangers of the night,
A lamp to lead our way.

The men that keep thy law with care
And meditate thy word,
Grow wiser than their teachers are,
And better know the Lord.

Thy precepts make me truly wise;
I hate the sinners road:
I hate my own vain thoughts that rise
But love thy law, my God.

The starry heavens thy rule obey,
The earth maintains her place;
And these thy servants night and day
Thy skill and power express.

But still thy law and gospel, Lord,
Have lessons more divine:
Not earth stands firmer than thy word
Nor stars so nobly shine.

Thy word is everlasting truth;
How pure is every page!
O may it guide our earliest youth,
And cheer our latest age.

## PRAYER

*For Wednesday Evening.*

ighty God, our heavenly Father,
e that under all our sinfulness,
, and danger, we have a throne
to go to; and that thou invitest us
with holy boldness to it, that we
in mercy to pardon and grace to
every time of need. We would
ord, abuse thy grace, or make our
s an excuse for negligence and
e confess thou hast already given
strength than we have used; and
e it upon ourselves, and not on
t we have not received more abun-
plies. O may we for the future
more diligent in the use of all
inted means of grace. Be merci-
ased to shed abroad thy sanctify-
ences on our souls, to form us for
ity which thou requirest. Plant
hristian grace and virtue deep in
ts; and maintain and strengthen
nidst all assaults both from within
n without.

*us to remember* at all times, that
*ret of our souls* is open to thee;
*ard against* the first rising of sin

n the enjoyment of pardon of sin; an in
terest in the blessing of the life to come
purity and holiness of heart; the support
of divine grace; communion with God in
his worship in this world; and the perfec
tion of holiness, glory, and joy, which the
gospel promises in the next.

Do thou, my soul, choose this better
part: be not afraid of those convictions
that would lead thee to mourn for sin.
Sin should be always thy affliction, and
holiness thy delight. Thou art then happy
indeed. The consolation of Christ as thy
righteousness, strength, and salvation is
thine. Thou shalt feel its reviving and
rejoicing power, even in this world; and
possess the fulness of joy in that which is
to come. He himself has said, "Blessed
are they that mourn; for they shall be
comforted." O that I could always keep
this gracious promise in view! particularly
in the seasons of affliction, when I most
need such consolations.

But while we encourage a truly spiritual
concern for sin, let us not indulge a mo
lancholy gloom. The bright hopes which
the gospel gives us of present comfort
and everlasting joy, should inspire us with
cheerful gratitude to the divine goodness
and, when we can rejoice in nothing

joice in the assurance Christ has
, that though we now go forth
; yet, bearing precious seed, we
ubtless come again with joy, bring-
sheaves with us: that though
s now, we shall be comforted in
time.

## HYMN

*For Thursday Morning.*

t are the humble souls that see
r emptiness and poverty;
sures of grace to them are given,
crowns of joy laid up in heaven.

t are the men of broken heart,
mourn for sin with inward smart;
blood of Christ divinely flows,
aling balm for all their woes.

t are the meek, who stand afar
n rage and passion, noise and war;
will secure their happy state,
plead their cause against the great.

t are the souls that thirst for grace,
ger and long for righteousness;
shall be well supplied, and fed,
ving streams and living bread.

From the defiling power
With endless pleasure th
A God of spotless purity

Blest are the men of pe
Who quench the coals o
They shall be called the
The sons of God, the G

Blest are the suff'rers wh
Of pain and shame for J
Their souls shall triumph
Glory and joy are their r

PRAYER

*For Thursday M*

ep, and permitted to rise in health
eace.
y it be our sincere desire and purpose
rt to begin, and spend, and close this
ith thee. Arm our minds and hearts
st all the temptations to which we
be this day exposed: with every
ation do thou make a way for our
e, that we may be able to endure.
ou hast formed us for thyself, that we
d shew forth thy praise. But, O Lord
od, we acknowledge with shame before
that we have not brought thee the
for which we were made. Alas!
greatly have we dishonoured thee, in
whole course of our lives, time after
forgetting thee, the gracious giver of
ur good things. Though thou hast
r been unmindful of us, nor weary of
g us good; yet we have not only for-
en thee, but have disobeyed thee, and
lled against thee. We have set up
own will against thy wise and holy
, and followed the devices and desires
ur own hearts. For these things we
ld humble our sinful selves before thee.
the sake of thy dear Son have mercy
n us. *For the sake* of that mercy of
e *in Christ Jesus*, which has moved
*to spare us so* long, and to do so

charge of all the duties incum
us as the disciples of thy bel
While we profess and embrace
trines of Christ, may we part
spirit: may that mind which w
be also in us. As he was in t
may we also aim to be, humble,
and heavenly-minded, keeping
unspotted from the world. Ma
grace to attend to the duties of t
relations we sustain, as parent
dren, as masters and servants
abide with God in our respectiv
and be found fruitful in all thing

Guide us, O our God, throug
trials and difficulties of this day
thou wouldest keep us from s

ıeritor of the kingdom of heaven.
all our ways to please thee: and
afe to crown all with thy blessing.
ıs to see thy power, to acknowledge
ınd, and admire thy wisdom in all
ercies. And by all the comforts of
fe draw our hearts still nearer to
, the Creator and giver of every com-
Let our meditations of thee be sweet
equent; that delighting ourselves
Lord we may have the desires of
earts. And, at last, gather us all,
nestly beseech thee, with thy saints
ry everlasting. These mercies we
e in the name, and through the
ion of thy beloved Son Jesus Christ,
ly Lord and Saviour. Amen.

## HYMN.

*For Thursday Evening.*

ere are the mourners," saith the Lord,
t wait and tremble at my word,
walk in darkness all the day?
, make my name your trust and stay.

works nor duties of your own
for the smallest sin atone;
robes that nature may provide
ot your least pollutions hide.

"The softest couch that nature knows
Can give the conscience no repose;
Look to my righteousness and live;
Comfort and peace are mine to give.

"Ye sons of pride, that kindle coals
With your own hands to warm your sou
Walk in the light of your own fire,
Enjoy the sparks that ye desire.

"This is your portion at my hands,
Hell waits you with her iron bands;
Ye shall lie down in sorrow there,
In death, in darkness, and despair."

## PRAYER

*For Thursday Evening.*

O thou most glorious God, with a thousand years are as one day; a dwellest in the light to which no mor approach; we are reminded by the re night how short our time is; and ho we must finally close our eyes on all here below, and open them in an e world. O suffer us not to neglec important work of life: but teach to meditate on the shortness, uncert *and vanity* of things temporal; a *he reality*, nearness, and impor

eternal, that we may indeed live
angers and pilgrims on earth, and
a heavenly inheritance with our
st affections, and the most per-
ıg diligence. May the thoughts of
and judgment be so familiar to our
and so impressed on our hearts,
hey may excite fervency in prayer,
ırnestness in using all the means of
that we may renounce every evil,
act in all things as to be prepared
ying hour.

ive us such a knowledge of thy holy
ıd of its spiritual and reasonable de-
, that we may be deeply sensible of
ceeding sinfulness, and truly hum-
efore thee in unfeigned repentance.
ı heart-searching God, the sins and
ections of the past day, and of our
lives, are all open to thy view! our
ıoughts, idle words, and wrong tem-
Our selfish desires and motives, and
ıld omissions of duty, leave us speech-
ıd self condemned before thee. Help
earnestly entreat thee, that, under
e of our guilt and danger, we may
the only refuge and hope set before
ıe atoning *blood of* Jesus, which
*eth from all sin.* May we receive
*spel with a lively* faith: and con-

and always abounding in the w
Lord.

Be graciously pleased, O me
ther, to prosper by thy blessin
we have attempted this day in
with thy will: and prevent an
quences arising from our errors
ces. Sanctify to us all thy dis
and our own experience: and
thank thee with unfeigned he
mercies and comforts with w
hast favoured us. Bless, O L
deavours to spread thy Gospel,
mote the peace and happiness
and remember with peculiar r
who are laboring in distant an
ble regions to make known th

od, should we be called hence this
If spared to awake in peace, and
ith the returning day, may we devote
ves afresh to thy service: and may
it all the days of our appointed time
th in calm submission, careful watch-
s, and patient continuance in well
. Vouchsafe us, O heavenly Father,
and all other mercies for the sake
beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## MEDITATION

*For Friday Morning.*

nsider the lilies of the field, how they
." Matt. vi. 28.

k upon the lilies, and learn to trust
or raiment. They toil not as men
thing, neither do they spin; and yet
eautcously arrayed. But it does not
ore follow that we may neglect, or
ssly pursue our worldly callings. It
praise of the virtuous woman, that
ys her hand to the spindle. Idleness
s God instead of trusting him. He,
er, who provides for the inferior
es without their labour, will much
rovide for us, by vouchsafing hi

grass of the field. Lilies,
guished by their colour, y
grass. Thus all flesh is grass
in the endowments of bod
as lilies much admired, y
grass: the grass of the fiel
constitution: they stand
level as others. Men's day
grass, as the flower of t
grass to-day is, and to-mor
the oven; in a little whil
now seeth us shall see us n

"Consider how they g
winter lost and buried und
when spring returns they
look gay: so that even Sol

from God, the fountain and spring of
n all.

low instructive is all this to us! As for
clothing, this teaches us not to covet
not to be proud of it; not to make the
ting on of apparel our adorning! For,
r all our care, the lilies will outdo us.
y then should we vie with them? Their
rning will soon perish, and so will ours;
y fade ere to-day, and to-morrow are
into the oven. And the raiment we
be glorying in is fading; the garment
lf will wear out. Such is man in all
pomp: especially those who trust in
ertain riches: they fade away in their
ys.

As to necessary clothing, this teaches
to cast the care of it upon God, Jeho-
-jireh. Trust him that clothes the lilies
provide for you what ye shall put on.
he so clothe the short lived grass, much
re will he clothe you that are made for
mortality.

"O ye of *little* faith." This may be
ken as an encouragement to true faith,
ough it be but weak. It insures to us the
ine care, and the promise of suitable
pply. *To great faith there shall be*
*rded great things.* But even little faith
*l not be rejected:* even to that shall

how is one cubit after anothe
our stature? Not by our ow
or contrivance. We grow, we
how, by the power and goodn
The growing age is a thought
less age; yet we grow. And s
who has reared our bodies, ]
them?

Your heavenly Father know
have need of all these things.
our wants better than we do
Though he is in heaven, and l
on earth; yet he observes wha
and poorest of them has occasi
he will provide.

Yet one thing secures us,
Whatever betide;
The Scripture assures us,
"The Lord will provide."

The birds without barn
Or storehouse are fed;
From them let us learn
To trust for our bread.
His saints what is fitting
Shall ne'er be deny'd,
So long as 'tis written
"The Lord will provide."

We may, like the ships,
By tempests be tost
On perilous deeps;
But cannot be lost.
Though Satan enrages
The wind and the tide;
The promise engages,
"The Lord will provide."

His call we obey,
Like Abraham of old,
Not knowing our way;
But faith makes us bold.
For, though we are strangers,
We have a good guide;
*And trust in all dangers,*
*"The Lord will provide."*

When Satan appears
  To stop up our path
And fill us with fears,
  We triumph by faith.
He cannot take from us,
  Though oft he has try'd,
This heart-cheering promise,
  "The Lord will provide."

He tells us we're weak,
  Our hope is in vain;
The good that we seek
  We ne'er shall obtain.
But when such suggestions
  Our spirits have tried,
This answers all questions,
  "The Lord will provide."

No strength of our own,
  Or goodness we claim:
Yet since we have known
  The Saviour's great name;
In this our strong tower
  For safety we hide;
The Lord is our power,
  "The Lord will provide."

When life sinks apace,
  And death is in view;
This word of his grace
  Shall comfort us through.
No fearing or doubting
  With Christ on our side;
We hope to die shouting,
  "The Lord will provide."

## PRAYER

*For Friday Morning.*

ighty God, with thankful praise
e meet the light of another morn-
w pleasant is it to behold the sun
n its morning brightness after the
of the night! O heavenly Father,
our meditations to that unspeak-
and pleasure which the blessed
ssess in beholding thy face, and
of the Lamb, shining ten thou-
es brighter than the sun in the
it.

e sun in the morning dispels all
ness of the night, so may the light
ord, with which we converse from
time, dispel all darkness and ig-
from our minds. And as in Spring
rning sun unbinds the earth and
fruitful; so, O Lord, do thou unbind
rts; open the springs of love to
and warm us with the influences
n of righteousness.

lismal would it be to live on earth
*the sun! In a far more dismal*
*ld our souls be without the light*
*orious Gospel.* Shine then, O

by daily conversing with God
holiness of mind, till we a
behold thy face in righteousn
be satisfied when we awake
ness! As all thy works ar
praising thee, we would jo
voices, with the hosts of hea
holy inhabitants of the eart
glory to thee as Creator, King
of the Universe. Every day b
the return of mercies and b
than we can number: help us
we are able, to count them ov
plant in our hearts a grate
all thine unspeakable love an
especially as appearing in C
May thy Gospel every where s

ır studies and labours, to the
ɔtection. May the holy thoughts
ɪ possess our souls, mingle with
iness of the day. Help us daily
ith God, in a course of holy liv-
never suffer us to give way to
ghts, or ungoverned passions.
r souls with such apprehensions
nite greatness and majesty, and
ief of thy universal presence, as
e us delight to please, serve, and
ee. Forgive, O merciful God, all
eadness, lukewarmness, and hy-
every Christian duty, either to-
self or towards man. Deliver
uch dangerous dispositions, and
y thing that would hinder the
e of our prayers! May they be
s of the upright which are thy
and be accepted in thy beloved
ɔur dear Redeemer. Amen.

## HYMN

*For Friday Evening.*

l, my heart! these anxious cares
e are *burdens, thorns* and snares:
*ast dishonour* on the Lord,
*tradict his* gracious word.

He gave the warrant from th
To trust his wisdom, love, a

Did ever trouble yet befal,
And he refuse to hear thy ca
And has he not his promise
That thou shalt overcome at

He, who has help'd me hithe
Will help me all my journey
And give me daily cause to r
New Ebenezers to his praise.

Though rough and thorny be
It leads thee home apace to G
Then count the present trials
For heaven will make amends

PRAYER.

of men. Though we have left heavenly Father, and rebelled ee after thou hadst nourished ht us up as children, thou dost again to become the sons and of the Lord Almighty. We for thy gracious declaration, many as receive Christ Jesus, to u givest power to become the od, even to them that believe on O let us not receive thy grace Ve would come to thee acknow- at we are unworthy to be called en; but at the same time in re- hy promised mercy and grace, entreat that thou wouldest give arts and right spirits; that thou adopt us into thy family, and us the spirit of adoption; that followers of thee as dear chil- formed to the image of thy on, who is the first-born among hren.

nly Father, let *thy kingdom* of *e in our hearts;* and make us f the Holy Ghost. Let no in- e dominion over us. Make us *the day of thy* power. Rule in *power of thy* truth: and may *ake us free*, translating us out

perfect in every good wor
Let the time past of our lives
have wrought the will of the

Grant, O Lord, we beseec
the kingdom of thy grace ma
and more *in our own land.* I
word have free course and
May all agree in the truth
word, and live in unity and
truly serving thee in righte
holiness. May all orders an
men serve thee in their sev
to the discouragement of wic
vice, and to the maintenance
gion and virtue.

And, O heavenly Father, so
*kingdoms of this world* becom

ne in the clouds of heaven, with
and great glory. O make us ready
that we may lift up our heads with
nowing that our complete redemp-
raweth nigh. Mercifully hear these
rayers, and grant us every needful
g for the sake of our Lord Jesus
. Amen.

## MEDITATION

*For Saturday Morning.*

"It is finished." John xix. 30.

se are the last words of Jesus; and
ot every penitent believer say, they
n all my salvation. Redeeming love
w finished its glorious plan, and the
h of the cross is completed.
ile angels desire to look into these
, let our faith dwell upon their im-
t meaning. Then all the prophesies
romises relating to this great event
fulfilled. All the types and figures
Mosaic dispensation were answered;
e dispensation itself was at an end.
the work of the Redeemer's public
*ry was accomplished*: and his obe-
*completed. The* true and proper
*nt for sin* was then made; and

threatenings of the divine
dread of death; who feels
way undone and hopeless, m
all-sufficient atonement, an
righteousness. Here he m
solid, rational, and delightf
feel his conscience purged fro
see his pardon signed and
new title to eternal life made
ed. Hence he receives str
in-dwelling corruption, and
tual adversaries. Hence he
all sin, to love and practice
delight in God, to overcom
and to seek a better, even
country. Here his heart feels
God that passeth all underst

his glorious plan of redemption.
at the guilt of trifling with a Su-
us presented to our notice! A
rhose character and righteousness
eptable to God! That only name
we can be saved! Lord give me
see more and more of my unwor-
that I may glory in the cross of
Let this be my only refuge, hope,
solation! Upon this enable me
ive in humble and obedient faith;
mfort of this let me die; and then
re it will be the subject of my
on, joy, and praise, throughout a
ding eternity. Amen.

## HYMN

*For Saturday Morning.*

! the voice of love and mercy
inds aloud from Calvary!
it rends the rocks asunder,
akes the earth and veils the sky!
"It is finish'd,"
the dying Saviour cry!

finish'd! O what pleasure
these precious words afford!
enly blessings without measure
ow to *us from Christ* the Lord!
*It is finish'd!*
*the dying words* record.

Tune your harps anew,
Join to sing the glo
All on earth and all in
Join to praise Emman
Hallelu
Glory to the bleeding L

## PRAYE

*For Saturday M*

O God of all grace, k
rious name, who of thy
hast provided a Saviour
It is thy own command
believe in God should be
"This is life eternal, to

r else we want, leave us not destitute
a saving interest in this Saviour, whom
u art graciously pleased to hold forth,
n to the most sinful and unworthy.
nake us more acquainted with this gra-
us way of salvation; and cause us to
mit ourselves to the righteousness of
d.

) Lord, who hast given us thine only
, let thy Spirit draw us to him; and
ble us to take hold of him, and believe
im to the saving of our souls. May we
er distrust his power or his love; nor
faithless, but believing that "he is able
save unto the uttermost all that come
to God by him." To him would we bring
r guilty and depraved souls to be washed
his blood, and sanctified by his Spirit:
let us have "peace with God, through
r Lord Jesus Christ." May "Christ dwell
our hearts by faith;" and may "the life
now live in the flesh, be by the faith of
e Son of God, who loved us, and gave him-
lf for us;" and "though now we see him
t, yet believing may we rejoice with
y unspeakable, and full of glory." O
ord, mercifully fulfil unto us thy graci-
us *promises to blot out* thy people's trans-
*ressions, not to suffer* sin to have dominion
*r them; to give* them a new heart, an

preserve them unto th
and give unto them
ceeding great and
Let us lay them up i
richest treasure; and
of this world in con
thy beloved Son, thy I
thy grace and glory.

And, O Lord, are an
gers to the inestimable
cious promises, aliena
God, and going astray
bring them back unto
and Bishop of their so
love can draw them,
drive them into thy fo
Lord, and they shall

## HYMN

*For Saturday Evening.*

at pass by, behold the man,
e man of grief condemn'd for you!
Lamb of God for sinners slain,
eping to Calvary pursue.

here, his temples crown'd with thorns;
s bleeding hands extended wide;
treaming feet transfixt and torn;
e fountain gushing from his side!

earth could to her centre quake,
nvuls'd while her Deliv'rer died;
y our inmost nature shake,
d bow with Jesus crucified.

rocks could feel thy pow'rful death,
d tremble and asunder part:
nd with thy expiring breath,
e harder marble of our heart.

## PRAYER

*For Saturday Evening.*

ost gracious God! enable us to
hee as our chiefest good; and to
thee, as our merciful Father, in
*of thy love.* In his great name
*ailing mediation* alone it is, tha

to tremble for fear o
would therefore fle
atoning sacrifice an
ousness of Jesus Ch
thou delightest to
accepting, and saving
ing sinners. For hi
thee to pardon all th
which our hearts con
of which thou that a
hearts knowest us to l
us a full pardon throu
precious blood. May
ourselves, following ou
and fulfilling the desir
the mind. Put an end

us to know the joyful sound of thy
, not only by the hearing of the ear,
r heavenly experience. O take pos-
n of our hearts, and by the power of
pirit draw up our affections to thy
d self. Grant us union and commu-
vith thee; such a sight and sense of
nd of our lost estate by nature, as
ender Christ and his righteousness
nably precious to us; and such evi-
s of our justification through him as
nlarge our hearts with joy, fill our
ith praise, and influence us to live
him that died for us and rose again.
ify to us our respective conditions,
it us for whatever thou shalt be
d to appoint us. We beseech thee,
rd, to accept our evening tribute
ise and thanksgiving for the mer-
of the past day; and for thy un-
ed goodness which has followed us
ghout the week, and during the whole
e of our lives. Graciously go on to
d towards us in loving-kindness and
r mercies, forgiving our innumerable
and supplying our every want. Take
e of us this night. Hide us in thy
ion, and compass us about with songs
*eliverance. If* sleepless hours are
*ted us, may* our hearts be occupied

our own benefit. Suffe
its sacred and precious
sleep or indolence: bu
pray to and to praise the
with a devout sense of th
And as our blessed Rede
rose from the dead, so
in holy desires to the pla
abode, and join with th
in shewing forth the gl
Heavenly Father, tune o
thy praise.

And now, O God of ou
ther, Son, and Holy Gh
Jehovah, to thee be equa
glory ascribed. Amen.

## *FIFTH WEEK.*

### MEDITATION

*or the Lord's Day Morning.*

WATER OF LIFE.

ver drinketh of this water, shall thirst
whosoever drinketh of the water that
him, shall never thirst." John iv. 13.

ending and compassionate Re-
ho could forget his own hunger
wn thirst, that he might lead
ners to the water of life! O
gift of God to the children of
d, evermore give us this living
pour out upon us the influences
ewing Spirit to take away our
worldly good. Never let us seek
in broken cisterns that cannot
gain and again shall we thirst,
and again shall we be disap-
while we go thither to draw.
us this *living* water; this well
y consolation and joy, that will
*which will* spring up amidst
*deserts,* the cares and sorrows,

art the fountain of life,
sence is fulness of joy.
satisfied the thirst of
Blessed Jesus! hast thou
in our hearts? O never
spring up in our souls
praise of God. Let it be i
springing up unto everlas
and refreshing us till we
heaven; where the stre
flow again. There they
shall forget their eart
remember the miseries of
Some drops from this ce
sufficient to make us for
sorrows, even while we a

## HYMN

*For the Lord's Day Morning.*

Let every mortal ear attend,
And every heart rejoice;
The Trumpet of the Gospel sounds
With an inviting voice.

Ho! all ye hungry starving souls,
That feed upon the wind,
And vainly strive with earthly toys
To fill an empty mind:

Eternal wisdom has prepar'd
A soul reviving feast;
And bids your longing appetites
The rich provision taste.

Ho! ye that pant for living streams,
And pine away and die;
Here you may quench your raging thirst
With springs that never dry.

Rivers of love and mercy here,
In a rich ocean join!
Salvation in abundance flows
Like floods of milk and wine.

Dear Lord! the treasures of thy love
*Are everlasting* mines,
*Deep as our helpless* mis'ries are,
*And boundless* as our sins.

The happy gates of Gospel Grace
Stand open night and day;
Lord, we are come to seek supplies,
And drive our wants away.

## PRAYER

*For the Lord's Day Morning.*

O Lord, our God, who art most glo
in thyself, and most gracious in thy
blessed Son; we desire, and more es
ally on this thine own day, to bless
praise thy holy name for all spiritual b
ings in Christ Jesus: for all the mer
grace afforded us here, and the
glory hereafter. Mercifully
meet us this day with thy
both in our private and
on thee. Thou know
thoughts start aside
to direct them to
O grant us the
Spirit, and en
most serious
tion in eve
May we
glorious
and
the

us sit down at thy feet and
law, even the instructions
thy lips! May we receive
of God in the power and
of the Spirit!
*essing* attend thy word and
at we may increase in know-
dom, in meekness and humi-
and charity, and in a sincere
obedience to all thy com-
the law of life, which is in
deliver every one of us from
and death; and give us, we
pentance unto life never to
f.
ery corrupt and inordinate
complish in our souls the

thy converting gra
sin. Raise up an
harvest many faith
ministers; and gra
to the seed sown.
worthy of their hig
sus, and live up to
of the holy religion
fully relieve the po
tify all their sickne
tresses; and in thy
them a happy delive
troubles.

Those who are ne
O Lord, known unto
wants and desires:
relieve and bless the

pon thy name; and speak often of
ne to another. And oh! may we
hine in that day when thou shalt
up thy jewels; when thou shalt
and discern between the righteous
wicked, between him that serveth
nd him that serveth him not. And
th may we all meet around thy
and unite in praising, loving, and
g Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, for
d ever. Amen.

## HYMN

*For the Lord's Day Evening.*

st Jesus, source of grace divine,
at soul refreshing streams are thine!
ring these healing waters nigh,
we must faint, and fall, and die.

traveller through desert lands,
dst scorching suns and burning sands,
re eager longs for cooling rain;
pants the living spring to gain.

r longing souls aloud would sing,
*ing up, celestial fountain, spring;*
*a redundant river flow,*
*cheer this thirsty land below.*

*For the Lord's*

O almighty God, an
from whom cometh d
perfect gift! we con
God and Father of our
and in him the God
the source of all blesse
and mercy hast thou
ful dust and ashes! V
we, that the Lord of H
scend to draw us nigh
thou shouldest permit u
thy house, and numbe
worshippers! How grea
in being allowed to h

of thy word has been treasured up in
earts! how little have we delighted
e truths of Christ; or felt the power
grace and love; or perceived the
f sin and the beauty of holiness! For-
we beseech thee, the iniquities of our
things; and sprinkle our persons and
es with the all-atoning blood of Jesus.
are drawing near to the close of
lessed day; but O let not the means
ice which it has afforded us be alto-
r lost. O that we may long retain
oly savour. May the good seed
y word take root in our hearts, and
forth the fruits of righteousness in
empers, lives, and conversation. O
us more love to thyself, and to Jesus
t the Son of thy love; and more love
ur fellow creatures for Jesu's sake.
we hate sin more than ever; be
watchful against every temptation of
and the world, and more resolute in
ifying every corruption of our hearts.
us find thy grace sufficient for us, and
strength to be made perfect in our
ness.

essed be thy name, O Lord, that thou
*not forsaken thine* ordinances. We
*thee for* any breathings of soul to-
*thee which* thou hast excited, for

vice, both in
thy saints and i
carry on in us thy
it be finished in h
thy immediate pre

O let the Savio
precious to us all fo
with he loved us,
benefits he has by
tained to us. May
and his salvation re
the earth.

May all who are
this great salvation.
and Bishop of souls,
own self those who are
astray. Teach tra
let sin

remember and turn unto the Lord, ll the kindreds of the nations wor- before thee." Hear, O Lord, these pplications and intercessions, for the of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator edeemer. Amen.

## MEDITATION

*For Monday Morning.*

hosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and them, I will liken him unto a wise man built his house upon a rock: and the rain ded, and the floods came, and the winds and beat upon that house: and it fell not, was founded upon a rock. And every one heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, built his house upon the sand: and the descended, and the floods came, and the blew, and beat upon that house: and it fell, reat was the fall of it." Matt. vii. 24, 27.

e have every one of us a house to l, and that house is our hope for hea- Our great business is to secure a to the happiness of heaven; that when fail, we may be received into everlast- habitations. There is a rock provided s to build upon, and that rock is Christ. Church is built upon this rock; and so

is every believer. We must grou
hope for heaven upon the fulness
sacrifice and merits for the pardo
and eternal life, on the power of hi
for the sanctification of our natu
the prevalency of his intercession
acceptance at a throne of grace.
sufficient for all our necessities;
Saviour to the uttermost. He is
and immoveable as a rock. We m
ture our all upon him, and shall n
ashamed of our hope. Happy soul
by hearing and doing the sayings of
build their hopes upon this rock
having sincerely received him a
Prince and Saviour, make it their c
care to conform to all the rules of h
religion; who depend entirely upon
assistance from God, and acceptan
him; and count every thing but l
dung that they may win Christ,
found in him.

To build upon a rock requires c
pains. They are the wise builde
lay a firm foundation, and begin t
so as that they may be able to
Every thing besides Christ is sand.
build their hopes upon their extern
*fession;* the privileges they enjoy
*services* they perform. They ar

ans, have been baptized, go to the
ary of God, hear the words of Christ,
omit their prayers, and do harm to
. This is the light of their own fire,
ch they walk; on which with much
nce they venture: but it is all sand,
eak to bear such a fabric as a hope
ven. There is a storm coming that
y every man's work, and will disco-
e foundation on which it rests; the
nd floods, and wind, will beat vehe-
upon the house. The trial is some-
n this world: when tribulation and
ution arise because of the word, then
en who only hear the word, and who
ear and practise it. Then, when
e occasion to use our hopes, it will
d whether they were right and well
ed or not. When death and judg-
ome, then the storm comes; and it
doubtedly come, how calm soever
may be with us now.

hopes that foolish builders ground
ny thing but Christ, will certainly
em in a stormy day. They will
hem no true comfort in trouble, in
r of death, and the day of judgment:
ll be no fence against temptation or
y *in a time of persecution*. Where-
*the hope of a hypocrite*, his house

it fell when
another. When a
expectation perishe
was the fall of it; gre
ment, and great the
But the hopes that
the Rock of ages, wi
builder. They will st
comes; they will be h
from desertion, and fr
quiet. His profession
comforts will not fail;
strength and song, as
soul sure and steadfast. A
to the last encounter,
ward off the terrors of dea
and carry him cheerfully
valley; th

That rock is Christ: no other name
Avails before the throne;
His bleeding love shall still remain
Sufficient and alone.

'Twas grace first laid the living stone,
And there engrav'd its law:
Grace shall the glorious Top-stone crown
With shouts of heavenly joy.

A house eternal in the Heavens
Not earth or hell can move:
And grace, *free grace*, alone, shall crown
The purchase of his love.

Firm as the everlasting hills
That promise shall remain,
"Where *I* enjoy my Father's love,
*You* shall enjoy the same."

## PRAYER

*For Monday Morning.*

O most merciful Father, who searchest he heart and triest the reins of the children of men, we desire to bow before thee with the greatest reverence and humility. We beseech thee, O God, to search us and know our hearts, to try us and know our *thoughts; to see if* there be any way of *wickedness in us*, and to lead us in the way

to thy holy habita
that thou hast conde
thy wandering and
path of peace, of safe

We bless thee th
Zion for a foundati
stone, a precious cor
us that he who believ
be ashamed. Preserv
our hopes of pardon, p
on any other basis tha
hast appointed. May w
Jesus Christ as the onl
on him may we rest. M
that if we seek to lay any
our building will prove to
of lies;

ise to the praise of the glory of

e us such a knowledge of the
the Lord, and such a lively con-
at we must all appear before the
seat of Christ, to receive accord-
e things done in the body, that
onstantly labour to be accepted
nd to make our calling and elec-

us, we beseech thee, with an
nd influential sense of the future
al blessedness of thy believing
nd give us a well grounded hope,
n our earthly tabernacles shall
ed, we shall have a building of
ise not made with hands, eternal
avens. Vouchsafe unto us the
f the Spirit; and so sanctify and
e our affections, that we may
nortality to be swallowed up of
absent from the body and present
Lord.

, look down upon all who have
rd the sayings of Jesus, or who
o them not. May his voice be
every land, and in every house:
that *those* who hear may not
*that speaketh*, but diligently
*the things* which belong unto

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through this pr
we may all m
throne, to prais
more. We earne
to accept our fe
our imperfect pe
our worthiness, b
er and grace, whi
exceeding abundan
or think, for the sa
Saviour; to whom w
the Holy Spirit, be
for ever and ever.

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*For Mo*

The foolish builder, scribe and priest,
Reject it with disdain:
Yet on this rock the church shall rest;
And envy rage in vain.

What though the gates of hell withstood,
Yet must this building rise:
'Tis thine own work, Almighty God!
And wondrous in our eyes.

## PRAYER

*For Monday Evening.*

nfinitely great and gracious God, thou
t promised to draw nigh unto those
o call upon thy name. Help us by the
luence of thy Holy Spirit to approach
e in sincerity, believing that thou search-
the heart, and requirest those who
rship thee, to do so in spirit and in
th. Thou art of purer eyes than to be-
ld evil, and canst not look upon iniquity;
d we, O Lord, are conscious that even
r best services are defiled: yet we ven-
e near to thy mercy seat; for glory be
thy name, thou hast found out a way
which thou canst be just, and yet the
tifier of all who come unto thee. O
d us in this new and living way; help
to plead the merits, and trust in the
y of our great Advocate. We thank

redeeming love; and s
with a price, may we
we are, and whom
We know that we ar
and live to him, who
som for us; but we fe
the deceitfulness of ou
fore, blessed Lord, w
strength. O draw us,
thee; put thy fear into o
we shall not depart
thou art in thyself, O L
may *thy wisdom* be ou
direct us; thy *power* o
support us; thy *justice*
thy *holiness* ours to sanc
*ness* ours to love and

his night under thy guardian care
rotection: afford us quiet and re-
ng sleep; and may we arise in the
ng with fresh vigour for the duties of
nd with hearts unreservedly devoted
service. Hear us while we supplicate
vour to rest on our beloved friends
elatives: may we all be found in
ant relation with thee. May thy
prosper in the earth, and thy name
own among all nations. We entreat
to forgive our sins, to receive our
rs, and to accept and bless us for the
f Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## MEDITATION

*For Tuesday Morning.*

hold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no
John ii. 47.

h may our character be in the sight
d and man. Let us be able to appeal
d as the witness of our integrity;
d, thou knowest all things, thou
est that I love thee." The royal law
Thou shalt love the Lord thy God
ll thy heart and with all thy might."
*there be truth in* all we do; and, as
*s in us lies, no*thing but truth. Let

ve in truth, let us speak the truth i
let our hearts be in every word; a
ery step of our lives let the heart
Let the heart pray, let the heart l
e heart bestow, and lend, and forg
he grace of God in our hearts do
art and tongue, prayer and prac
mutually respond one to the oth
l will be lost. It is not the sweet
e voice, nor the multitude of words
ent expressions, that pleases Jeho
ruth in the inward parts. The rea
men are so unsuccessful in relig
s and services is, because they
more sincere and upright in the
e there more singleness of heart
s, we should have surer and swe
ns from heaven. The more sinc
re, the more will prayer be the
support of our souls: the more sh
ejoice in God and be loved of him.
hts in those who delight in his serv
and ye shall receive, that your j
be full!
is not a divided heart that will sati
Maker of it. Gracious souls co
prayer with hearts more disenga
sin, more set against it. The pr
ommunion they have with God,
breathings of God into their hea

secret movings of the Spirit upon
ouls in prayer, arm them more a-
sin. How shall I do this great wick-
and sin against God? I cannot, I
t do any thing unworthy of him who
used all his goodness to pass before
nd hath called me to glory, honour,
mortality.

true Israelite must also have a consci-
rue to man, as well as sincere before
It must be tender of every evil; not
of the greatest and most scandalous,
the smallest sins; not only of open
uch as come to the view of men, but
most secret sins; the most inward
spiritual wickedness, such as needs
o reprover but conscience. The true
tian must be tender not only of sins
mmission, but also of omissions and
ects; not only of neglects, but negli-
es in duties; that deadness, formality,
ness, hypocrisy, and distractions, which
from the negligent performance of our
y to God or man. It may be we can-
*wholly omit* a duty, a season of praying
hearing, without our hearts presently
demning us; but how often arewe remiss
*negligent in the* performance, and yet
*not the reproof?* It may be we take
*care in the* matters of *our own* souls;

*connive* at the
evil for evil, nor rail
we return good for
pray for our enemies,
derers, and labour by
hearts? It may be we
teous or unjust in ou
we not unmerciful, impi
We dare not lie, nor sw
watchful as we should
vain talkings, unedifyin
discourse? We cannot
malice in our hearts;
many sudden and furio
breaking forth with muc
proachful language? Are
and impatient, without
heart?

tender, what Christians should we
us then press on with so much
ess after this even and consistent
at it may be seen that, though
not yet attained, we are follow-
r; though we have not reached
are yet reaching towards it. Let
entle, flexible, easy to be entreat-
fearful to offend, so ready to please
in all things which are not against
nce, its peace and purity; that we
onvince them, that, in those things
n we are fixed and do not yield, it
ause we *cannot*, not because we *will*
And may this at last be our rejoic-
he testimony of our conscience, that
simplicity and godly sincerity, not
fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of
we have had our conversation in the
. Amen.

## HYMN

*For Tuesday Morning.*

wake, my soul! the sun has risen;
Vith *the new day* prepare for heaven:
*t off thy sins* in thought and deed,
*d shine an Israelite indeed.*

thy commandments. May it becom
and more the earnest desire of ou
and the great business of our li
work out our salvation with fe
trembling. And do thou, O Almigh
continually work in us both to will
do of thy good pleasure. Let our
sation be daily in heaven, and ou
behaviour such as becometh holines
we be jealous over our hearts, an
keep them with all diligence, rem
ing that out of them are the issues
Enable us, O God, to set a watch
our mouths, and to keep the door
lips; may no communication
out of them, but that which is g
the use of edifying, that it may n
grace unto the hearers. Save u
that fear of man which bringeth a
while we are willing to become all
to all men for their spiritual goo
us from making shipwreck of faith
good conscience. And grant, O
that we may shew ourselves parta
thy grace, by holding the beginning
confidence firm unto the end. We
unto thee, thou compassionate High
who alone art able to keep us from
*and* who art touched with the feelin
*infirmities*, to carry on in our so

to day the work of faith with power.
us with the knowledge of thy will in
wisdom and spiritual understanding.
engthen us with all might according to
glorious power, that we may walk
thy of thee unto all pleasing; being
tful in every good work, and increas-
in the knowledge of God.

hus, O heavenly Father, help us to glo-
thee in our bodies and our spirits
ch are thine: put thy fear within us
t we may not depart from thee; make
to go in the path of thy command-
nts, for therein is our desire. Give us
lerstanding that we may keep thy law,
that we may keep it with our whole
rt.

ive us wisdom and grace to honour
e by uprightness and fidelity in all our
ys. Preserve us from unchristian tem-
s and pursuits: may we adorn the
trine of God our Saviour in all things.
y we be approved in thy sight as Isra-
es indeed, in whom is no guile; and be
mbered among the *true* followers of the
mb of God, who did no sin, neither was
ile found in his mouth. Amen.

## HYMN

*For Tuesday Evening.*

Lord, plant a principle within
  Of jealous, godly fear;
A sensibility of sin,
  And grief to find it near.

Give us the first approach to feel
  Of pride and vain desire;
To watch the wand'rings of the will,
  And quench the kindling fire.

The filial awe, the feeling heart,
  The deep compunction give;
That we from thee no more may part
  No more thy Spirit grieve.

Quick as the apple of an eye,
  O God, our conscience make;
Awake its fears when sin is nigh,
  And keep them still awake.

O! may the least omission pain
  Our well-instructed soul;
And drive us to that grace again,
  Which makes the wounded whole.

## PRAYER

*For Tuesday Evening.*

l glorious, gracious and merci-
l Father in Christ! look down
n, the habitation of thy holi-
take notice of us weak and
ures, worshipping this evening
stool. Thou madest the hea-
the earth, and sustainest all
of thy hand. Enable us to
thee, feeling that our most
ights are open to thine eye:
est of our services are too im-
deserve thy love; and that all
nce cannot merit the pardon of
r past sins. Let our guilt be
ay through faith in the blood of
n; and accept us in him, though
thless sinners. Spare us accord-
multitude of thy tender mercies;
neither live nor die in an un-
nd unholy state. May we give
ce to secure our best interests
ternal hope. Take out of our
y evil thought, and subdue every
nation. Let thy blessed Spirit
souls, and make us holy in
nversation, and in life. Give

O Lord, choose o
and make us content
thy Providence in th
not our hearts idolize
but fix our affection
where Christ is at th
us up under all the a
faith and patience.
unmoveable, always ab
of the Lord, trusting
mise, that we shall rea
we faint not. Search,
hearts; discover to us
wandered from thee: g
ance, and lead us in th
and peace. Fit us for
ment; and train us up

raise thee, O our God, for the ease
alth, and all the comforts of this
d of our whole lives. Above all,
s thee for Jesus Christ, who came
hase salvation for us by his blood.
ss thee that we have been brought
er the sound of thy gospel; and
ade early acquainted with thy Holy
wherein is all our hope of everlast-
and glory. We beseech thee to
our unworthy prayers and praises
the rich incense of our Redeem-
ercession, who is most worthy;
whose name and words we would
call upon thee, as "Our Father
rt in heaven," &c.

## MEDITATION

*For Wednesday Morning.*

### OUL DESIRING GOD AS ITS PORTION.

m have I in heaven but thee." Psalm
5.

reigns on an exalted throne above;
highest potentates of that glori-
rld, are infinitely more inferior to
an they are superior to the mean-
*et on earth.* He is there, and he
*he surrounds* all his creatures

for he is transcendently glori
unsearchable wisdom and al
are joined with unerring justi
holiness, and invariable tru
member that his name is lo
blends itself with all his perfe
beauty of them all is softene
ened by the over-flowings of
mercy; those rich and gentle s
not only water Paradise, but
gions of guilt and darkness h
Why do we lift up our souls
and grow fond of the empty sh
world? It is because God
Alas! whither have we wan
what a wilderness? I look
created beings and things, an

hee my Father and my God, I
ll be happy. I might pity the
perous on earth that were
o thee and to thy love. "There
that say, who will shew us any
that thy Spirit may teach them
om! But as for me I will say,
thou up the light of thy counte-
n me. Whom have I in heaven
and there is none upon earth that
sides thee! It grieves me to think
e injured thee, and wronged my
n suffering other lords to have
over me. Thou requirest that
give thee our hearts, and should
leave all and follow thee. Lord,
heerfully consent; and hope
igh grace, I can say, "None of
gs move me; neither should I
dear unto me," if I may but
for my portion! Amen.

## HYMN

*For Wednesday Morning.*

heavenly Father calls,
Christ invites *us* near:
*th our friendship* shall be sweet,
*ir communion* dear.

What various stores
Diffus'd from my Red
And purchas'd with

Jesus, my living hea
I bless thy faithfull c
Mine Advocate before t
And my forerunner t

Here fix my roving h
Here wait, my warme
Till the communion be
In nobler scenes above

PRAYER

*For Wednesday M*

engaged in thy service. No earthly
ated object can be a full and satisfy-
ortion for our souls. Too far have
sted, and too long have we followed
eature: but henceforth may we re-
ourselves to thee our Creator, and
all we have and are to thee as our
al Sovereign. We would thankfully
wledge thy providential goodness in
e benefits and comforts of our lives.
ee alone can we find, and in thee
may we seek our true felicity; in
ng, loving and delighting in thee.
but weary ourselves in very vanity
e desire thee as our chief good, and
after thee, as the hart panteth after
ater brooks. May we feel more and
that our souls cannot be in health
eace till we draw nigh to thee; till
know thee better, and love thee
Oh! how deformed are our souls
y bear not thine image! how lifeless
y live not to thee. O let us have no
portion, no knowledge, no love, no
ut what is devoted *to* thee and em-
d for thee here; and shall be perfect-
thee hereafter.
ce thou hast graciously invited us,
"*My son, give me* thy heart;" O
*us to devote* our hearts to thee,

Let the sweet hope
My life and death
Thy presence throug
And crown my jou

## PRAY

*For Wednesday*

O God, who art
knowest all things: thy
descension, thy justice a
alike infinite and adora
kingdom, O Lord, and
head over all. Be thou
and help us to take r
shadow of thy wings.

and continually to come unto thee
fountain of life and felicity, through
ghteousness and redemption of our
High Priest, who ever liveth to make
ession for us. Give us, we be-
thee, that humble confidence in thy
ning mercy; and that love, gratitude,
eal, which may lead us to unreserved
ence, and make us steadfast, unmove-
and always abounding in the work of
ord.

commend to thy care and blessing,
d, all that are dear unto us. Teach
use all proper means of doing them
and of winning upon such as still
et thy great salvation. Bless thy
Church. Endue thy ministers with
m, clothe them with righteousness,
ake them valiant and zealous for thy
. Enable thy people to rejoice in
Let thy grace be sufficient for
in all their trials and temptations:
them victory in every conflict; and
er all their endeavours to glorify thy
and do good to mankind. Send
thy light and thy truth unto the
ns. Disperse the dark clouds of
try, impiety, superstition, and infi-
; *and set up thy* kingdom of peace
*ghteousness throughout* the earth.

Continue, we beseech thee, to bless
own land with peace, liberty, and the
of thy Gospel: and may effectual mea
be taken to stop the progress of wi
ness, that so iniquity may not be our
Bless our King, and those in authority
direct their counsels for the preser
of public tranquillity, the establishm
peace among the nations, the refor
of manners, the revival of true rel
and the success of thy Gospel throu
the world. Visit with thy compassio
saving grace all the sons and daugh
affliction, and teach them to profit
chastisements. And may the God of
who brought again from the dea
great Shepherd of the sheep, throu
blood of the everlasting covenant, m
perfect in every good work to do hi
and work in us that which is well pl
in his sight; through Jesus Chri
Saviour, to whom with the Father, a
Holy Ghost, be all glory and praise fo
and ever. Amen.

## MEDITATION

*For Thursday Morning.*

THE CHRISTIAN PILGRIM.

rly beloved, I beseech you, as strangers rims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which nst the soul." 1 Pet. ii. 11.

ember, O my soul, this is not thy thou art upon a journey to thy Fa- house, where thou must abide for Even on thy journey home he per- ce freely to converse with him. O, see him that is invisible: hearken when he speaketh: obey his voice: his way: speak to him boldly, humbly and reverently, as his about thy greatest concerns. Tell l thy sorrows, and confess all thy nd unkindness: intreat his forgive- nd plead the merits of thy Saviour. se with him about the way in which nouldst go. Desire his grace; give self to his conduct and care. Weep e history of thy ingratitude. Tell ow thou art most offended with as most displeased him: that thou *ry with thy disobedient*, unthankful *that thou art* weary of that heart

love? tell him
firmities, and passions
his tender forbearance
him that without hi
thing; and beg the g
for thee; that through
eneth thee, thou ma
When thou fallest, de
his helping hand to ra
him especially of e
and thank him for hi
thy hopes; for what tho
and enjoy among his l
Express thy joy in th
shalt see his glory, a
praise him better than
desire. Begin those pra

of his works, and the righteous-
is judgements, and the holiness
ness of his ways. Sing forth his
ith a joyful heart, and dismiss all
ars, all malicious suggestions and
nd all nipping griefs, that would
the harmony of thy soul. Thy
Father beholds with approbation
s and tears; but how much more
ove thy thanks and praises! Or
l, it is winter time with thee, a
y; and he seems to chide, or hide
because thou hast offended him;
loud that is gathered by thy folly
wn in tears; and tell him thou
ed against heaven and before him,
no more worthy to be called his
owever yet fly not from him; but
e his pardon, and to be admitted
rvice: and thou wilt find forgive-
en thou fearest condemnation.
urn and keep closer to him for
to come. If the breach, through
lect, has gone so far that thou
to have lost thy God, and to be
and forsaken; yet despair not;
loth but hide his face till thou re-
ift up thy voice and cry, in spite
*ief, my Father,* my Saviour, my
*d thou shalt* at last hear him ad-

prey to
foes and thine.
wanderings and cl
taken as acts of
they may be pard
he correct thee, he
sake thee. Or if
pour out before hin
thy breast: and tho
or afraid to look up
look down and say,
to me a sinner!"
thee, and will number
amongst the prayers wh
He will restore thee, an
it was that thou didst g
thyself and turning fro
and thou

ve no abiding city here:"
l truth, were this to be our home;
let the thought our spirits cheer,
'e seek a city yet to come."

ve no abiding city here:"
en let us live as pilgrims do:
ot the world our rest appear;
t let us haste from all below.

ve no abiding city here:"
seek a city out of sight:
its name, the Lord is there;
shines with everlasting light.

Jehovah is her strength;
cure she smiles at all her foes:
weary travellers at length
ithin her sacred walls repose.

veet abode of peace and love,
here pilgrims free from toil are blest!
l the pinions of the dove,
d fly to thee, and be at rest.

, hush! my soul, nor dare repine:
'he time my God appoints is best:
ile here, to do his will be mine,
And his to fix my time of rest!

## PRAYER

*For Thursday Mo*

Almighty God, and mo
ther, who of thy never f
and mercy hast protected
us the last night, and safel
the light of another day;
pray thee, in the same
power; and so prevent us w
favour, and further us wi
help, that in all our works
nued, and ended in thee, w
thy honour and glory; and
mercy, obtain everlasting
Christ our blessed Lord an
his sake we humbly pray
of thy remembrance all o
provocations; and to wo
a godly sorrow, a sincere
a steadfast resolution to a
To this end be pleased t
the grace of thy Holy Spir
the depravity of our natu
us to thy service. Let
minds be more and more
*being* transformed by th
*our* minds, we may pro
*good* and acceptable an

that we may be able to know and
ht to do thy will, O God; and that
law may be written in our hearts.
us to know Christ and his life, that
nay be formed in our hearts; and
he may live in us: that the same
l may be in us which was in Christ;
we may be made conformable to his
h, in crucifying the flesh with its af-
ons and lusts. Let thy grace always
mpany us, and enable us to persevere
the end. Make us, O Lord, perfect
very good work to do thy will; work
that which is well pleasing in thy
t through Jesus Christ. And, as we
here but strangers and pilgrims, O let
good Spirit guide and conduct us in
way through the wilderness of this
l world. O let us not be led astray by
langerous but alluring ways with which
bounds: and preserve us from the
es laid by the devil and his emissaries,
ntice us to sin and wickedness, and to
ge us into endless woe.

ay we give all diligence to make our
ng and election sure. If any of us
hitherto neglected the one thing
*lful, rested in a form* of godliness, or
*y way deceived* ourselves; O stir us up
*ut delay to seek* first thy kingdom

and righteousness, and to make all other pursuits give place to this g concern.

Teach us to serve thee in our severa lations and different employments, d all in the name of the Lord Jesus. we use our possessions, and improv time and talents, as knowing that sh we must give an account of our stew ship. At all times and in all places we joyfully prepare for, and anticipat glad summons, "Well done good faithful servant, enter into the joy o Lord." Grant us, O thou Founta Life, such consolations in communion thee, as may bear us up above the te tions and troubles of this world, an our affections on things above.

We humbly beseech thee, O Fat mercies, graciously to look upon our b relatives and friends. Bring home fold such as still wander in the w sin and folly; and communicate a sonable help and comfort to thos know thy name and love thy saly And O hasten that time when thy shall be known upon earth, and thy health among all nations. We ear *entreat* every spiritual and temporal *ing for* ourselves and others thro *Lord Jesus Christ.* Amen.

## HYMN

*or Thursday Evening.*

en of the heavenly King!
journey, sweetly sing:
our Saviour's worthy praise,
us in his works and ways!

trav'lling home to God,
way the fathers trod:
are happy now, and ye
their happiness shall see.

ye ransom'd flock, most blest;
Jesus' throne shall rest:
your seat is now prepar'd,
your kingdom and reward.

not, brethren! joyful stand
e borders of your land:
Christ, God's only Son,
you undismay'd go on.

, submissive may we go,
ly leaving all below:
thou our leader be,
still let us follow thee.

## PRAYER

*For Thursday Eveni*

"Give us this day our daily br
us our debts as we forgive our deb
us not into temptation, but deliv
for thine is the kingdom, and the
glory, for ever and ever. Amen."

O Almighty God, we de
nigh unto thee with lively g
thou encouragest us to look
our heavenly Father, who kn
wants. We bless thee, that
us to cast all our care upon th
us that thou carest for us;
wilt keep those in perfect peace
are staid on thee, and make
requests unto thee in prayer
cation, with thanksgiving.
thine infinite goodness which
ask in the first place, the larg
and promises, that if we "
kingdom of God and his r
all other things shall be ad
Grant us, therefore, O Lord
member that but one thing
*and let* us not be careful
*about* many things: but

to seek, and to obtain that good
ich shall never be taken away from
d while we pray for the bread of
entreat thee also to give us food
ent for us, to supply all our neces-
ats, and to grant that having food
nent we may be therewith content.
thou the work of our hands ac-
to thine own infinite wisdom and
s; and cause us to trust in thee
our heart, not leaning to our own
nding; and preserve us from fall-
those foolish and hurtful lusts
drown men in destruction and
n.

s, O heavenly Father, we pray for
y bread, so we beseech thee for
y forgiveness of our sins; for in
iings we all offend every day. O
thou us from our known and un-
faults; and keep us back from
tuous sins, that they get not the
n over us. We confess with shame
have not duly improved the talents
ich we have been entrusted: that
not rendered again according to
fits done unto us. We have de-
the wages of sin, and have been
*of those things* for which the
*God cometh* on the children of

disobedience. Our debt is great; and we have nothing to pay. But glory be to thy name, O Lord, thou hast devised a way whereby thou canst be just, and yet justify him that believeth in Jesus. O grant that through faith in the blood of Jesus Christ, thy Son, we may be cleansed from all sin; and purge our conscience from dead works to serve thee, the living God.

And, while we pray that thou wouldst mercifully forgive us *our* sins which are more than the hairs of our head, we beseech thee that *we* may forgive our enemies, love them that hate us, bless them that curse us, and pray for and do good to them that despitefully use us and persecute us. If we forgive not men their trespasses, we cannot expect thee to forgive us our trespasses. May all bitterness and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking be put away from us, with all malice; and make us kind one to another, forgiving one another, even as we trust God for Christ's sake to forgive us.

And since, O our God, we are ever in danger of being enticed and drawn away by our own hearts' lusts, we earnestly pray thee, not to lead us into temptation, *to let* nothing be to us an occasion of *falling*: but to save us from the sins

beset us: to deliver us from
to preserve us from the evil
is hide thy word in our hearts,
ay be kept from the paths of
er. O send out thy light and
let them lead us: let them
o thy holy hill, and to thy

Father, we humbly beseech
half of ourselves and all man-
up thy kingdom in our hearts
ghout the earth: that we may
name, and do thy will as it is
ven: that thou would supply
ts, forgive us our sins, and pre-
m evil; for thine is the king-
the power, and the glory, for
er. Amen.

## MEDITATION

*For Friday Morning.*

### THE NEW MAN.

on the new man, which after God is
righteousness and true holiness."

of *God's image* upon the soul,
*the sinfulness* and misery of
*state:* and that resemblance

it bears to God, is the beauty, th
and happiness of the new creatio
d anew by his own Spirit, in righ
ess and true holiness, it bears
of that Saviour in whom it is cr
new, *Christ Jesus.* To put on the L
comprehends the whole of the Ch
duty, all his duties towards God
Sin is not the Christian's elemen
light is in the law of the Lord;
it even where it most crosses t
ns of corruption that are in hi
nds the strength of his soul to pl
and to live unto righteousness.
t merely the study of his le
: no; it is his main business, his
new life, like the natural one,
in the heart; and from thence
itself through the whole man.
righteousness, and receiveth t
in the love of it. The unrenew
may do many things that app
ous: but he lives not to righteo
because his heart is not possess
led with the love of it. The ne
not only forsakes sin, but he hates i
e vain thoughts." And not on
sins, but all: "I hate every fal
While he dies to sin, sin dies
the mind dies to the study of si

ies to the acting of it; the ear
ng of things profane and sinful;
to speaking evil; and the lips
; guile. This new creation
soul with a sweet variety of
ıd heavenly dispositions. It
r hearts a living source of
and peace; of long-suffering
ness, of goodness and faith, of
ınd temperance, and of all di-
s; which, for this very reason,
y Scripture stiled, the "Fruits
it." 'Tis he that breathes into
those amiable and heavenly
s, whereby alone they can on
nd be denominated meek, and
d patient; chaste and charita-
ıdy to forgive; these make the
dowments of the inward man.
the real beauties of the soul,
perfect it, and render it lovely
ıs in the sight of God. But it
ain that those holy dispositions
rn the inward man, will also
e life; and render the conversa-
s becomes the gospel, like the
ht, shining more and more unto
*day.*

Creating all thin

I'll be a sun of rigl
To the new worl
None but the new-l
My glories shall

Mighty Redeemer,
From my old stat
O make my soul ali
Create new pow'r

Renew mine eyes, a
And mould my he
Give me new passio
And turn the ston

ontrition and self-abasement, that,
wing the devices and desires of our
n hearts, we have erred and strayed
ny ways like lost sheep. We have
by our iniquity: O enable us to
unto thee, the Lord our God. We
turn unto thee, taking with us the
thou hast mercifully taught us,
, "Take away all iniquity; receive
ciously." O love us freely, and
ir backslidings: fulfil unto us thine
acious promise, "A new heart will I
hem, and a new spirit will I put
them." We feel that we cannot
new and better life unless we have
and better heart. But, alas! we
t by our own strength change our
; we cannot raise them from sin to
ss; from earth to heaven; from self
d. We come, therefore, to thee,
ching thee to create us anew in
Jesus; to give us a new heart, to
and refine us, to renew a right spirit
us. O mould us into a conformity
y will; and thus make us sons and
iters of the Lord Almighty. Cause
ve of Christ to constrain us to live,
o *ourselves, but to* him who died
*and rose again.* Thus may we find
*e easy, and his burden light:* thus

may we serve thee, not i
bondage as slaves, but in
adoption, as dear childre
we run in the way of thy
when thou hast enlarged o

O Lord, so renew our n
may hate sin and delig
that thy commandments
joicing of our hearts, and
unto our taste. Let thy
song in the house of our
thy testimonies may we cl
ritage for ever. Set up th
hearts; there writ thy law
fear; and fill us with all th
Spirit, that we may abound
of righteousness to the glo
God.

O turn away our eyes fr
not vain thoughts lodge wi
us be serious and sober m
love of the world be rooted
let the love of God in Ch
us. O give us grace to liv
munion with thee, both in
of thine ordinances, and
servation of thy provider
thee at all times, pourin
*before* thee, and at all t
*thy love*. And while we

er and better every day; more
ly, and spiritual; that so our
ay be our best days, our last
best works, and our last com-
eetest comforts. And having
Lord Jesus here, may we at
ed among those whom he has
y his blood, and sanctified by
Now to him who loved us and
lf for us; to him be glory
l ever. Amen.

## HYMN

*For Friday Evening.*

kind return,
e the thanks we owe?
rget eternal love,
all our blessings flow?

stubborn frame
reduc'd our mind;
ched rebels, Lord, are we;
u, how wondrous kind!

bids the sun
*reviving rays;*
*skies their* circles run,
*en out our* days.

The brutes obey their God,
And bow their necks to men;
But we, more stubborn far than they,
Refuse his easy reign.

Turn, turn us, mighty God,
And mould our souls afresh;
Break, Sov'reign Grace, these hearts o
And give us hearts of flesh.

Let past ingratitude
Bedew our weeping eyes;
And hourly as new mercies fall,
Let hourly thanks arise.

## PRAYER

*For Friday Evening.*

O Father of mercies, and God
comfort, we beseech thee to acce
thanksgivings for the blessings of th
Especially would we adore thy me
Lord, that there is no condemnat
them who are in Christ Jesus. F
mercy's sake bring our souls int
happy state; and give us a longing
to enjoy the felicity of thy chosen.
*this* salvation be experienced by exe
*before* thee. May we all find it a
*alvation,* delivering us from ev

m the love of sin, the love of the
d the lusts of the flesh. Teach
s through this present evil world
ers and pilgrims, who have no
g city here, and are seeking one

ast taught us by thy word, that if
have not the spirit of Christ, he is
is. O hear our unworthy petitions,
w upon us this invaluable gift;
nay walk not after the flesh, but
Spirit; and that our conversation
ch as becometh the Gospel. En-
mortify the deeds of the body, to
he unholy desires of our corrupt
nd to discharge every duty incum-
n us in accordance with thy holy
ive us grace to lay aside every
and the sin which more easily be-
and let us run with patience the
before us, looking unto Jesus, the
nd finisher of our faith. Gracious
thou our strength; and enable us
nd faithfully with the world, the
d the devil. Teach us our own
y, and the exceeding sinfulness of
ach us the deceitfulness of our
*that so we may* be truly humbled
*hee, and stirred* up to greater
*ss in the work* of our salvation.

Spirit; and let us ever l
hope of eternal life.

O thou compassionat
whom a new and living
secrated for us, through
flesh, enable us to draw
ing in thee.

Where, O Lord, tho
good work of grace in
we beseech thee to pe
day of Christ, and to
praise and glory. Work
and to do of thy good pl
like many be saying, "
any good:" but may o
"Lord, lift thou up the
tenance upon us."

p us in the love of God, looking
mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ
rnal life. Now unto him that is
eep us from falling, and to present
ess before the presence of his
h exceeding joy; to the only wise
Saviour, be glory and majesty,
and power, now and for ever.

## MEDITATION

*For Saturday Morning.*

born again, not of corruptible seed,
corruptible, by the word of God, which
abideth for ever." 1 Peter i. 23.

is the great dignity of believers,
y are the sons of God; and this
t evidence of the love of God, that
bestowed this dignity on them.
acious purpose of God to impart
iness appears in this, that he hath
for himself so many sons, not from
t angels only, but also from amongst
nade it is true a little lower than
, but yet dignified with this appel-
*He had not* merely the impression
*footsteps,* which all the creatures
*his image.* And, most of all, in

bondage, yea, with the very im
that, out of mankind thus
degenerated, God should rais
a new race of sons. For thi
the "Word made flesh." Joh
Son of God was made man t
make men the sons of God;
alone we are restored to th
And, that we may know tha
adoption is not a mere outwa
sonship of the saints is den
Scripture a new generation,
They are "begotten of God,"
29. A new being, a spiritual
municated to them. They a
accounted of the family of G
tion; but by this new birth the

e. From "children of disobe-
nd that which is linked with it,
of wrath," to be "sons of God
of glory." They have a new
n them; a free, princely, noble
l this spirit influences their life
s. Consider this dignity; and
with an ambition worthy of it.
a christian pity that poor vanity,
make so much account of, their
nd extraction! To be of the
ood royal, sons of the King of
l in the nearest relation to him,
worth glorying in. This adds
honour to that birth which is so
in the esteem of the world. But
ppose ourselves to be of this
whilst it is too evident that in
is a false confidence. There is
nce of the Spirit of God; not a
s footsteps. "As many as are
Spirit of God, they are the sons
om. viii. 14. "If ye know that
eous," says St. John, "ye know
one that doth righteousness is
m." And how contrary to the
God, the lover and fountain of
re they that delight in the de-
sures of sin! Do children love
r their father's name? No:

earthly mindedness is a cou
the king's children, "th
brought up in scarlet," as
ments, "embrace the dung
5. Princes, by their high l
tion, have usually their he
far higher thoughts than
they think either of conque
ing kingdoms. Are you
better inheritance, if inde
Why do you then debase yo
are you not more in prayer
dumb children among tho
of God; they have all that
by which they not only
Abba Father.

## HYMN

*For Saturday Mor*

Now let our souls on wing
Rise from the vanities of t
Draw back the parting vei
The glories of eternity.

Born by a new celestial bi
Why should we grovel her
Why grasp at transitory to
So near to heaven's etern

all aught beguile us on the road,
ıen we are walking back to God!
r strangers into life we come,
d dying is but going home.

dwell with God, and feel his love,
parts the bliss enjoy'd above;
ow sweet the expectation now,
e early dawn of heaven below.

## PRAYER

*For Saturday Morning.*

ord our God, unto whom all hearts
en; who knowest our downsitting
ır uprising, and understandest our
ıts afar off; how much must thy
ınd holy eyes see in us which thou
not approve! We have not enter-
those thoughts, nor cherished that
l so justly due to Thee, the author
being and the father of our mercies.
gh we may have been restrained by
racious influences from taking part
the bolder workers of iniquity; yet
much have we lived without God
e world! how have we resisted thy
*rity! abused thy* goodness; neg-
*thine ordinances*; and slighted the
*of thy dear* Son! So little hav

we been restrained by
actuated by thy love; so
lived to thy glory, that, ala
teously might we have be
as ungodly; and driven a
before the wind. And even n
into judgment, how could
the congregation of the rig
appear among the sons of God

But, O Lord, there is forg
thee, that thou mayest be
with thee is plenteous reden
pleased to have mercy upon
sake of Him who came that he
away ungodliness from Jacob
bore our sins in his own body o

Pour down upon us, we p
the influences of thy regener
sanctifying grace; adopt us into
ly, put us among thy children, a
tute us the sons and daughters of
Almighty. Bestow upon us thy
love; give us a new heart and
spirit; henceforward may thy law
delight; may we meditate in it
ally; and may we become like trees
by the rivers of waters, bringing
fruit in their season.

*Grant, O God, that this day we w*
*perience the blessedness of tho*

in the counsel of the ungodly,
in the way of sinners, nor
seat of the scornful. May our
lirected to keep thy statutes.
d, do thou, of thy goodness, so
ur plans and purposes, and so
nd bless all our undertakings,
py and holy prosperity may at-
teps. May we not be tempted to
ny thing that shall have a wither-
ce on our characters, our hope, or
sion. O grant, that, as obedient
we may not fashion ourselves
to the former lusts in our igno-
t as He who hath called us is
nay we be holy in all manner of
on.

most gracious God, so let thy
blessing rest on all around us,
of those we love, and with whom
may be left to live and die, and
perish, as children of the wicked

## HYMN

*For Saturday Evening.*

Safely through another week
God has brought us on our way;
Let us now a blessing seek
On th' approaching sabbath day:
Day of all the week the best;
Emblem of eternal rest!

Mercies multiply'd each hour
Through the week our praise demand;
Guarded by Almighty pow'r,
Fed and guided by his hand:
Tho' ungrateful we have been,
Only made returns of sin.

While we pray for pard'ning grace
Through our great Redeemer's name,
Shew thy reconciled face,
Shine away our sin and shame:
From our worldly care set free,
May we rest this night with thee.

When the morn shall bid us rise,
May we feel thy presence near:
May thy glory meet our eyes,
When we in thy house appear:
There afford us, Lord, a taste
Of our everlasting feast.

ıy thy gospel's joyful sound
Conquer sinners, comfort saints:
ıke the fruits of grace abound;
Bring relief for all complaints.
Thus may all our sabbaths prove,
Till we join the church above!

## PRAYER

*For Saturday Evening.*

ırd our God, who art over all bless-
ever; and needest not the services
ı or angels to make the least addi-
ı thy greatness and glory: we bless
hat thou hast been pleased in love
souls, to appoint, that we should
pon thee in the duties of thy wor-
ıd engage in that immediate service,
is the blissful employment of all
sts of heaven.

though thou, O Lord, canst not
s, nor any thing of ours: we stand in
ıal need of thee; of thy compassion
rgiveness, thy grace and guidance,
ssing and assistance. Without these
st be for ever wretched, without hope
ıping the misery due to our sins,
attaining that glory, which is the
of God in Christ Jesus.

*e, therefore,* O Almighty God, do

by thy grace, throug
that is in Christ Jesus.
our salvation, in turni
of us from our iniquitie
grace to live according

To this end, we besee
enlighten our dark min
of thy saving truth. Ref
wills, and incline them
pliance with all the mo
Spirit. Regulate our
purify all our affection
faculty of our souls, and
ples for the Holy Ghost.

We desire most than
ledge thine undeserved g
ing us safely to the

l advantage. Let the work of thy be deeply advancing in our hearts, re may grow in grace as we grow in and be continually ripening for the joyment of thy glory.

pray thee, O Lord, to continue to us vour and thy fatherly care over us ight. And as we go to rest after the s of the day, so help us daily to do ork, that, at the close of life, we may that rest which remaineth for thy . Fit us, we beseech thee, for thy e on the approaching sabbath: and us diligently to improve every of grace it may afford, in humble dance on thy blessing. May Christ eached to our ears by thy ministers, our hearts by thy blessed Spirit, to estruction of our sins, and the sancti- n and salvation of our souls. O re thy ministers for their solemn May they come forth in the fulness e blessing of the gospel of peace: while they preach Christ and his ion to others, may they feel his love eir own souls. May thy word drop e rain, and distil as the dew upon eople. *May* dead sinners feel its *ening power,* and thy saints its ever- *consolations.* May weak hearts

be strengthened. To those who in Zion, appoint O Lord, beauty fo the oil of joy for mourning, garment of praise for the spirit of he

Bless and keep all who are n dear to us; may they know the Christ which passeth knowledge, peace which passeth all unders May our worst enemies receive th est blessings from thee. These s tions for ourselves and others, we thee, O Almighty God, to hear and for the sake of our Lord Jesus Amen.

## SIXTH WEEK.

# MEDITATION

*For the Lord's Day Morning.*

### THE FERVENT PRAYER.

d there is none that calleth upon th
that stirreth up himself to take hold o
or thou hast hid thy face from us, and has
ed us, because of our iniquities." Isaiah
.

se that would take hold of God i
r so as to prevail with him, mus
p themselves to do it: all that i
us must be employed in the duty
thoughts fixed, and our affection
t.

pray is to take hold of God by faith
ke hold of the promises and the de
ions God has made of his good wil
and to plead them with him: to tak
of him, as of one who is about t
t from us, earnestly begging of hin
leave us; *or of one* that is departed
*ting his return;* to take hold of hi
*that wrestles* takes hold of him

gift that is in us, by a
work that is before us
cation of mind to it.
expect God should con
of mercy, when we n
when those that profes
are mere triflers? No
fession of religion withe
and sapless: no wonde
his face from us: no w
in the furnace of trial;
sume us as dross, but t
to refine and new mould

When he saith to us,
sliding children," shoul
reply, "Behold we come
art the Lord our God?"

:d it? We may rest assured, and pray in this assurance, that where-od finds a praying heart he will be a prayer-hearing God.

r God, estrange us from every thing ll not let us love thee with all our and soul, and strength. O that we ore sensibly affected with the know-nd love of thy perfections: that, at thy sparing and forbearing mercy fill, and everlastingly possess our with admiration; that so we may, he greatest sorrow and grief, bewail fences against such tender compas-owards us! O let the love of Christ ain us; may we look unto Jesus, till l that we do indeed love him; that ll our salvation, and all our desire.

## HYMN

*For the Lord's Day Morning.*

rayer is the soul's sincere desire,
Utter'd, or unexpress'd;
he motion of a hidden fire,
That trembles in the breast.

rayer is the burden of a sigh,
The falling of a tear:
he upward glancing of an eye,
When none but God is near.

Prayer is the simplest form of speech,
That infant lips can try;
Prayer, the sublimest strains that reach
The Majesty on high.

Prayer is the Christian's vital breath,
The Christian's native air;
His watch-word at the gates of death:
He enters heaven with prayer.

Prayer is the contrite sinner's voice,
Returning from his ways;
While angels in their songs rejoice,
And cry, "Behold he prays."

In prayer on earth the saints are one,
In word, and deed, and mind:
When with the Father and his Son
Sweet fellowship they find.

Nor prayer is made on earth alone;
The Holy Spirit pleads;
And Jesus, on the eternal throne,
For sinners intercedes.

O Thou by whom we come to God,
The Life, the Truth, the Way!
The path of prayer thyself hast trod;
Lord, teach us how to pray!

## PRAYER

*For the Lord's Day Morning.*

st Holy and Almighty God! thou
ious in holiness, fearful in praises,
onders. What wonders of good-
d mercy hast thou done for us
y and sinful creatures from our
existence up to the present mo-
Though we have misimproved so
recious seasons of grace; yet hast
st mercifully brought us to behold
of the days of the Son of man. O
day star from on high visit our
nd the sun of righteousness arise
s with healing in his wings. O
on this day, the Lord's day, the
days, the type of that glorious rest
emaineth for the people of God, to
and be glad. Help us so to re-
the resurrection of our Lord and
, that our hearts may ascend to the
of his glory. O Lord, make this
bbath to our souls; a day of spiri-
provement, heavenly consolation,
r communion with thee. Banish
r minds every vain and worldly
and may we begin and spend it

Blessed be the name
deemer Jesus Christ,
and blood, and by his
reconciled us sinful
offended Majesty. A
mercy, which sent th
this our land, and has
the sacred volume, in
covenant of grace, an
everlasting life.

Help us this day to h
attend the ordinances
pleasure and profit. O H
bless all thy ministeri
them faithful to thee, fa
and faithful to the souls
charge.

affections fixed on heavenly things, our hearts enriched with divine graces comforts! Make us fervent in prayer, joyful in praise. Deliver us from a dering eye and heart. Let not vain ghts lodge within us, or interrupt our ble converse with thee. Let us love habitation of thy house, and the place re thy honour dwelleth. And at the close ublic worship, may we find our hearts fitter for devout retirement. We pray e, O Lord, in behalf of all those who ll be unwillingly detained from thy se; comfort them in secret; sanctify ir absence; and as they are excluded m the stream, give them to drink the per at the fountain head.

Graciously accept this our morning tri-te of praise and thanksgiving for Jesu's ke. In the evening let our own ex-rience joyfully testify that a day spent nearness to God, is better that a thou-nd spent in earthly pleasures. And hile we are favoured with such means oface, and foretastes of glory, may we ok and long more ardently for the better ork and worship of an infinitely better abbath at thy right-hand. Hear, O Lord, *heaven, thy dwelling* place; and when *ou hearest, forgive*: and do for us, as

for all whom we would bear on our h
before thee, according to the riches o
grace in the great Redeemer: to w
with Thyself, and the Holy Spirit, be
less praises. Amen.

## HYMN

*For the Lord's Day Evening.*

Jesus, where'er thy people meet,
There they behold thy mercy-seat:
Where'er they seek thee, thou art foun
And ev'ry place is hallow'd ground.

For thou, within no walls confin'd,
Inhabitest the humble mind:
Such ever bring thee where they come
And, going, take thee to their home.

Dear Shepherd of thy chosen few,
Thy former mercies here renew;
Here to our waiting souls proclaim
The sweetness of thy saving name.

Here may we prove the pow'r of prayer
To strengthen faith, and sweeten care:
To teach our faint desires to rise,
And bring all heaven before our eyes.

Lord we are few, but thou art near;
Nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear
Oh! rend the heavens, come quickly dow
And make each wavering heart thine t

# PRAYER

*For the Lord's Day Evening.*

ord, preserved to the close of ano-
bbath, we come to seek thy blessing
sacred duties in which we have been
d. We adore thee, that thine ear is
avy; but that thou hearest always
ho humbly and sincerely pray unto
Prosper thy word, we beseech thee,
er it has been proclaimed this day.
e love the truth, and by it be more
ver weaned from this world, and
p with the things of another. Since
equirest us to make a diligent im-
ent of thy gifts, let us not by neg-
thy Gospel, render it a savour of
nto our souls. O let us never be of
nber of those who while they attend
house, and hear thy word, and
thy people sit, worship thee only
eir lips, while their hearts are far
ee: but enable us at all times to
thee in spirit and in truth. And do
ouchsafe to accompany thy word
y Holy Spirit, that so it may bring
uch fruit to the glory of thy name.
be followers of Christ as dear chil-
ay we walk in love as those who

...ight in reac
to more life an
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hold fellowship
by afterwards w
those around us
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tious never to do
would bring repro
from time to tim
unto us: preserve
casion to the enem
pheme that holy
called. Keep us mi
tions to love and ser
tion to th...

rought to call the Sabbath a de-
and honourable, who now say
ariness is it. And may the Light
pel arise and shine on every land
ıerto has not been cheered by its
fe-giving beams. May the Hea-
thee; may thine ancient people
be brought to acknowledge and
true Messiah, and be gathered
e fulness of the Gentiles. May
reach thy word be found faith-
loctrines; strengthen them with
y power; and may those especi-
ıre gone forth to distant lands to
thy grace to every guilty fallen
Adam, find thee a very present
d now, O Lord, we commend
and all our dear absent friends
ives to thy fatherly protection,
and blessing, through the ap-
night, and the week upon which
tered, and to the close of life. Be
'orgive, for the Redeemer's sake,
ort comings and misdoings; es-
ımember not against us the sins
ly things. Sanctify us by thy
ke us meet for that blessed sab-
e which shall never end. There,
*y chosen people*, may we ascribe

dominion, might, majesty, and pow
Him that sitteth upon the throne
to the Lamb for ever and ever. Am

## MEDITATION

*For Monday Morning.*

"The threshing shall reach to the vintag
the vintage to the seed time! the ploughm
overtake the reaper: and the treader of
him that soweth seed." Amos ix. 13.

Duties are the harvests and vinta
our souls. O what blessed lives shou
live, did we so improve and husband
we gain in one duty, that it might l
to another! that the life, and warmt
refreshment of the last might be re
till the next; and that thus we mig
carried on in a holy, lively, and hea
frame, from duty to duty; as Israel w
on from strength to strength, till
came and appeared before God in Si

That which keeps us so low and l
in religion is, that whatever we hav
tained of the Lord in duties or ordin
we presently lose it. When we have
sometimes weeping before the Lord
wrestling with him, and pleading b

uickening or comforting influences
spirit upon our hearts; and the Lord
rd us and given us our desires: yet
s soon as duty is over we go away,
all, and bury all that we have thus
d in a confused heap of worldly
ts and business. We unbend, and
vn our spirits, and lay aside all
ts of God, till we come to duty
We content ourselves to live in
n estrangement from God all the
our time, that sin and the world
whole day's time to pull down what
r's duty has been building; a whole
time to destroy and steal away
sabbath hath gotten in; and at the
s of duty we find our hearts at the
oss, in the same deadness and hard-
hat they were before. In the Old
nent, though the sacrifices were
l but morning and evening, yet the
at kindled them was not to go out
nor day: there must be fire kept
from the morning sacrifice, to kindle
vening sacrifice; and fire left from
vening to kindle the morning sacri-
O! behold, how often it is, that
h at our morning sacrifice a fire is
*d; yet we let* this fire lie all day
*the ashes,* and take so little care to

keep it alive, that it is quite out b
evening; and when we come to
evening sacrifice, we have no fire
it.

Brethren, hath the Lord visited
quickened you in duty? Oh! th
yourselves, what a sweet life sho
might it be thus with me alwa
pity it is that such light should
out: that such grace should be
lived! If I do not look to mysel
this sunshine will last but a litt
and how will the Lord take it, i
the sparks which he hath kindled
denly to be quenched? How is
like to prosper if, for an hour, I
mount with God, raised up to h
the time; and then within a few ho
sunk into the mire of the earth?
sad change is this! When will y
come to any thing if you have o
few such lucid intervals, and al
of your time covered over with c
darkness? Beloved, if ever you
prosper in grace, or be settled
be careful of maintaining your
comforts. Do not think to mak
them to save you the labour of a
*but to* help you to be more e
*fruitful.* Let your eye be muc

observe diligently how they hold
ink, that so, if there be the least
r decay growing upon you, you may
it before it is gone too far. It is
der that we lose all upon such a
, if, as soon as our duties are over
way, and think no more where we
en, or what we have been about;
were well content to take our leave
duties and our God together! When
me from your closets still watch
arts; see to it, that the temptations
et with do not so easily divert your
ts from what you have been begging
stling for on your knees. Often lift
r hearts to the Lord in short ejacu-
. No business, no company can
this duty: and this will be a special
age to you; therefore neglect it not.
sigh or breathing of your soul hea-
rds will fetch down fresh influences
eaven upon you!
us make present use of what we have
ed. God gives grace, and strength,
e, for use; and use will preserve it.
the Lord warmed thy heart? Go
thy brother's heart, and that will
hine own from cooling. Hath God
*comfortably* to thy soul? go and
*f thy God*, and what he hath done

for thee to others. Hath God inclined thereby fitted thee for action? take the son for doing good in which thou best shew thy love to that Saviour loved us and gave himself for us.

## HYMN

*For Monday Morning.*

Our God is love; and all his saints
His image bear below:
The heart with love to God inspir'd
With love to man will glow.

O may we love each other, Lord,
As we are lov'd of thee:
For none are truly born of God
Who live in enmity.

Heirs of the same immortal bliss,
Our hopes and fears the same;
The cords of love our hearts should bi
The law of love inflame.

So shall the vain contentious world
Our peaceful lives approve;
And wond'ring say, as they of old,
"See how these christians love."

## PRAYER

*For Monday Morning.*

A FAMILY THANKSGIVING.

the Lord, O our souls! O Lord
l, thou art very great, and cloth-
ı honour and majesty! Thou
: thyself with light as with a gar-
Thou stretchest out the heavens
ırtain! Thou hast laid the foun-
of the earth, that they should not
ed. The world is thine, O Lord,
e fulness thereof! Thou hast
it on the seas, and established it
floods! And all that dwell, not
this earth, but in all places of thy
ss dominion, are thine; the crea-
f thy power, the children of thy
nce, and the subjects of thy go-
nt! We, who are but a small part
amily on earth, are met together
e return of another day, to adore
gnify, to bless and praise thy holy
We have lain us down and slept,
again awaked the living to praise
because thou, O Lord, hast sus-
ıs. Thine we are, and thee would
re. We will praise thee, O Lord,
*as we live: yea*, as long as we have
g, *we will sing* praises to our God!

We commit ourselves and all belong
us to thy special care, protection, and
ance through this day. We are enter
a *day of business;* be with us, O Lo
beseech thee, in all our honest and
undertakings. Enable us to be di
upright, and faithful in our several e
ments and stations! Let not our hea
vy sinners, but may we be in the fea
Lord all the day long. And do tho
art wonderful in counsel and excell
working, give us that wisdom which
fitable to direct us in our affair
crown all with thy blessing.

We are entering on another *day*
*mon service and usefulness* in life: O
us to employ our talents and ca
more and more for thy honour, and
benefit of mankind. May we mor
tually glorify thee in our bodies a
rits, which are thine.

We are commencing a *day of tria*
us, Lord, we beseech thee, to acqu
selves well through the whole of i
our hearts may not justly repro
condemn us for any allowed sin.

We are entering on a *day of ca*
quite ignorant about the events of
*known* unto God are all its events
are under thy direction, and subje

l. Help us that we may be careful
ing. If it please thee may we pass
comfortable manner. But, what-
y be thy will, may we in patience
nkfulness possess our souls; and
e peace of God, which passeth all
anding, keeping our hearts and
hrough Christ Jesus.

re entering another *day that brings*
*uch nearer to our last day*, and to
l unchangeable eternity! O Lord,
us to number our days, that we may
ur hearts unto wisdom. May we
d discharging the duties of every
its season, and thus wait all the days
ppointed time till our change comes.
w, O Lord, hear, accept, and bless
d do for us above all we can ask or
for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

## HYMN

*For Monday Evening.*

me magnify the Lord with me,
Come, let us all exalt his name:
*ught the eternal God*, and he
*as not expos'd* my hope to shame.

I told him all my secret grief,
My secret groanings reach'd his ears;
He gave my inward pains relief,
And calm'd the tumult of my fears.

To him the poor lift up their eyes;
On them his love delights to shine:
A beam of mercy from the skies
Fills them with light and joy divine.

His holy angels pitch their tents
Around the men that serve the Lord;
O fear and love him, all his saints;
Taste of his grace, and trust his word

Lord, we will bless thee all our days,
Thy praise shall dwell upon our tongu
Our souls shall glory in thy grace,
While saints rejoice to hear our song.

## PRAYER

*For Monday Evening.*

O most holy Lord God Almighty, wh
a God like unto thee! Thou art infini
blessed in thyself; and the gracious aut
of all our blessings. Thou art the o
sovereign Lord, who canst do what t
pleasest in heaven and earth. Thou al
*hast* everlasting life in thyself, and t
*only* canst bestow it upon others.

our God, we are ashamed, and blush
ft our faces before thee; for our ini-
es are increased over our heads, and
respasses are grown up even unto the
ens. If we should attempt to justify
elves, our own mouths would condemn
We have walked after vanity and be-
vain: we have forsaken our own
ies. Our hearts are bent to backslide
thee the living God; they are deceit-
bove all things, and desperately wick-
nd start aside like the broken bow.
rd, we come to thee, as the poor pub-
, praying, "God be merciful unto me
ner." Sprinkle our consciences with
blood of Jesus, and we shall be
; wash us in that crimson fountain,
we shall be whiter than snow. May we
stified freely through faith in Christ
s. Let us have access unto that grace
rein thy believing people stand, and re-
in hope of the glory of God. Let thy
it witness with our spirits, that we are
dren of God, and joint heirs with
ist.
ord give us a wise and understanding
t: that which we know not teach
us. O Holy Spirit guide us into all
*h, and make us to* understand wherein
*ve erred.* *Make* thy way plain before

our face, because there are man
watch for our falling. Lord give
believe, and make us strong in faith,
glory to God. Let our hearts be p
by faith; and enable us by faith t
come the world, to resist the devil,
live continually upon Jesus, drawi
of his fulness grace for grace. Ur
hearts to fear thy name, that w
never depart from thee. O give u
to love thee supremely, to delig
selves always in thee, and thus
ence the fulfilment of the desires
souls.

May the very God of peace san
wholly, and may our whole spirit
served blameless unto the coming
Lord Jesus Christ. Let goodne
mercy follow us all the days of
and when we walk through the valle
shadow of death, be thou with us,
may fear no evil. Redeem our so
the power of the grave, and at le
ceive us to thy glory, through Jesus
our blessed Lord and Saviour; to
with Thee, and the Holy Spirit,
honor and glory, thanksgiving and
*for* ever and ever. Amen.

## MEDITATION

*For Tuesday Morning.*

### GOD'S LOVE TO SINFUL MAN.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in should not perish, but have everlasting life." iii. 16.

od in Christ, is a God of pity and com-sion to us; a God of patience, a God of rcy, with whom is plenteous redemp-; a God pardoning iniquity, and pass- by transgression: loving us in our estate; pardoning and washing us; ing us from our sins and from the ath to come. Such is the great love t kindles ours; *abused* love, *provoked* e, and yet *forgiving* love! They to om much is forgiven, will love much! w, in Christ, we have not only an erest in God, but, in some degree, a *sent possession.* "He that hath the Son, th the Father also." We see his light, behold and taste his goodness, we en- his presence, he dwelleth in us, and in him; *and hence we love, and herein rejoice. No wonder,* that carnal hearts *strangers to this.* But, oh! what a

still s
from God, whe
Where, Christia
How is it they
have you here?
home is above, yo
treasure is above
your treasure is, y
that you direct to
prayers, your com
and still leave your
love our God more
be more with him, a
we should not go awa
nor throw it away
it. Without this
faith, hope

ve and thou wilt be holy, humble,
ful; love and thou wilt please,
nd enjoy thy God. How little
te warmth is there in our spirits!
'eel our hearts tending upwards,
; in our own flames? We *wish*
is name and interest, we wish he
s; we wish ourselves his. Oh!
g were loving, what Christians
'e be! But doth the kingdom
*uffer violence?* the kingdom of
ıay *offer* violence if it will, and
y force; but how little violence
*ffer*! We say we love God; we
be holy; but is there nothing we
ore? O how few cordial friends
st in the world; and how little
'rom those few! So little, that we
ll ourselves whether it be any
ıothing. How many marks must
ler ere we can prove its exist-
d yet at last be still in doubt!
of us can make our appeal to
ord thou knowest that I love
Lord, do thou kindle in our souls
d fire; and then shall our mouth
l; then will we speak of the glo-
*our of thy* majesty, and of thy
*works.* Then shall we sing of
*which* the Lord hath claimed;

"The Lord, the Lord God, merciful
gracious, forgiving iniquity, transgres
and sin, full of compassion, slow to an
and of great mercy!" The Lord is goo
all, and his tender mercies are over al
works. Let thy saints bless thee; let t
abundantly utter the memory of thy g
ness, and sing of thy righteousness. O
God, thou art all love, all goodness
grace! let thy servants be all love,
praise, and joy.

## HYMN

*For Tuesday Morning.*

Come, all harmonious tongues,
Your noblest music bring:
Tis Christ, the everlasting God;
And Christ, the Man, we sing.

Tell how he took our flesh,
To take away our guilt:
Tell of the drops of sacred blood,
That hellish monsters spilt.

Down to the shades of death,
He bow'd his awful head:
Yet he arose to live and reign
When death itself is dead.

more the bloody spear,
cross and nails no more:
ll itself shakes at his name,
all the heav'ns adore.

re the Redeemer sits,
h on his Father's throne;
ather lays his vengeance by,
smiles upon his Son.

## PENITENTIARY PRAYER

*For Tuesday Morning.*

God, merciful and gracious, who
ot the death of a sinner, but
rather that he turn and live; we
we are sinners before thee,
e are so unlike to thee. We were
inclinations to that which is
we have too much followed those
us all our lives. We have lived
ance from thee, forgetting our
s, and that eternal world into
must shortly enter. We have
gers to that holy and heavenly life
st prepare us for heavenly bless-
nd without love to that blessed
who so loved us, who wept, and
died for us! With what affecting
did he plead with us! He called,
not answer! He assured us,

"He that cometh unto me I will no wise
cast out;" but we were not moved. His
compassion yearned over us; but our hearts
did not relent. His blessed Spirit awakened
our conscience; but how soon did it fall
asleep again. Lord, we are ashamed to
look back upon our lives. What deep and
heartfelt contrition do our sins call for!
Lord, give us that godly sorrow which
worketh repentance unto salvation, not
be repented of.

And since we have taken upon ourselves
the Christian name, how often, alas!
we fallen, to the dishonour of God,
discredit of religion, the wounding
ourselves, and the grieving of others!
many duties have been neglected,
many performed in a cold, sluggish
heartless manner! How many
talents, which might have been in
to the glory of God, our own comfort
the good of others, have been wrapped
in a napkin, and buried in the
How weak is every grace! how
is mixed with all our good! How
omitting our spiritual watch, how
surprised us, and temptation
How much have we conformed
world, complied with its sinful
and fashions! How much have

to our profession, and below
as Christians! What a slow
have we made in the ways of
How frequent and strong have
rorkings of unbelief, pride, pas-
and uncharitableness! Lord, how
e been our sins; how are they
d by the love and mercy thou
n to us, and the long experience
ad of thy bounty and goodness!
hou art our God, how have we
thee! though our Father, how
ispleased thee! How have we by
ounded that Redeemer who died
d grieved that Holy Spirit who
rted us! What sorrow of heart
gned grief do these sins call for!
oken heart and a contrite spirit!
rd shame and heartfelt remorse!
r rocky hearts might be broken,
rned more and more into hearts

for repentance, for mercy, for
d grace, only through the merits
tion of him who loved us, and
elf for us: in whom we hope to
living and dying, and for ever.

May not a sinner tru

My crimes though gr
The power and glory
Great God, thy natur
So let thy pardoning l

O wash my soul from
And make my guilty c
Here on my heart the
And past offences rou

My lips with shame m
Against thy law, again
Lord, should thy judgn
I am condemn'd, but t

## PRAYER

*For Tuesday Evening.*

almighty God, and heavenly Father, y long suffering mercy and kind pro- ce we are favoured with another op- nity of meeting together in thy holy nce, and presenting our supplications e thy throne of grace. How greatly re honoured, and how highly privi- in being permitted to speak unto the King of kings, and Lord of lords. able us to draw nigh unto thee with eart, with earnest desires after thee, ng for the enjoyment of thy forgiving thy sanctifying grace. Thou know- ) Lord, how weak and changeable we and in what danger we still are of ng ourselves, after all the great things hast done for us. But with thee erlasting strength; thou art able ep us from falling, and to perform ood begun in us till the day of Jesus t. O Lord of love, have pity upon nfirmities, and strengthen us in our ness. Preserve us, thou blessed Guar- of thy people, who keepest the feet y saints. Make us so firmly thine, nothing which befals us may ever

part our souls from thee. M
so resolute in thy service, th
may turn us aside. Let us n
number of those who draw bac
dition; but of those who bel
saving of the soul. O establis
en, settle us: and leave us
power to resist the gracious
methods of thy love and mer
healing and saving of our sou
alas! we, O Lord, too often
sins, graciously, through thy
new us unto repentance! Tho
do thou let us not be utterly
but uphold us by thy almighty
keep us through faith, unto
O make us faithful unto death
mayest give us the crown of

And now, O Lord, we desir
unto thee our tribute of tha
mercies of the past day; and t
ourselves, our souls and bo
merciful protection this night
never venture to close our ey
looking up to thee to take car
cleanse our consciences from g
faith in the precious blood of C
we lie down at peace with the
well grounded assurance, tha
wake again on earth, we sh

presence. May our last thoughts
, and thy love to our sinful
when we awake in the morning,
rst moments of recollection be
looking to thee our God.
ur prayers and praises we hum-
up unto thee in the name of
st our Saviour, who has graci-
ht us to address thee in behalf
es and all mankind, as "Our
ich," &c.

## MEDITATION

*For Wednesday Morning.*

### SPIRITUAL JOY.

se things write we unto you that your
ull." 1 John i. 4.

pel dispensation is not a dispen-
ear, sorrow, and dread; but one
d joy. Terror and astonishment
attend mount Sinai; but exul-
joy become mount Sion, where
e eternal Word, the eternal Life,
in our flesh.
stery of the Christian religion is
lculated to inspire mortals with
ould be joy to us that the eter-
od should come to seek and save

us; that he made a full atonement fo
sins; that he has conquered sin, (
and hell; that he lives as our inter
and advocate with the Father; and t
will come again to perfect and glor
persevering believers. They, the
live below the use and end of the ch
revelation, that are not filled with s
al joy. Believers should rejoice in
happy relation to God, as his son
heirs, beloved and adopted: in their
relation to the Son of God, as his m
and co-heirs with himself; in the
of their sins, the sanctification o
natures, the adoption of their perso
in the prospect of grace and glory th
be revealed at the return of their
and Head from heaven. Were the
firmed in their holy faith, how wou
rejoice! The disciples were filled wi
and with the Holy Ghost. And f
purpose the Apostles declared that
they had seen and heard, "that ye m
fellowship with us." The Apostle me
personal fellowship; but such as is c
ent with personal distance from each
It is from communion with heaven,
blessings that come from thence a
*thither*, that our fellowship arises
*we declare* and testify, that you m

us in our privileges and happiness.
who are made happy by gospel grace,
fain have others happy too. We
so that there is a fellowship or com-
n that runs through the whole
of God. There may be some per-
distinctions and peculiarities; but
is a communion or common partici-
of privilege and dignity belonging
saints, from the highest apostle to
west believer. As there is the same
us faith, there are the same precious
ses dignifying and crowning that
and the same precious blessings and
s enriching and filling those pro-
That believers may be ambitious
s communion; that they may be in-
ed to retain and hold fast the faith
s the means of such communion; that
postles also may manifest their love
disciples in assisting them to the
communion with themselves, they
to them what it is and where it is.
ruly our fellowship is with the Father
is Son Jesus Christ. We have com-
n with the Father and the Son in our
relation to them, in our receiving
nly blessings from them, and in our
*al converse* with them. We have
*ch communion* with God and Christ,

communion with the Father
See for what end the eter
made flesh! that he might
eternal life in communion wit
and himself. Hear thy blesse
he says, "Behold! I stand at
knock." Let not then the
mitted, and let not our hearts
cares to the ends of the ea
spiritual desires be so strong
the noise of these disturbers, a
silence to every impertinent t

Behold those cords of love
down in every ordinance! In
dence there is a cord let dow
up hearts. Hearken to those
Come up hither, come up

ınst thou not love? Look till thou
ook up to thy God, send up thy
s thither. Let thy meditations be
these will not be long before the
re they draw up thy heart. Look
Saviour; behold his hands and his
ift up a prayer; Lord, if thou lov-
let me love thee! I would seek
an see and feel myself drawn by
t. What have I here, Lord? My all
thee, my help, my hope, my trea-
y life is hid with Christ in God.
my treasure is, there let my heart
Amen.

## HYMN

*For Wednesday Morning.*

! he comes upon the mountains,
ringing news of heavenly birth!
cy opens all her fountains,
nd directs the streams to earth.
s is news to cheer the sad;
s is news to make us glad.

g of mercy, sing with gladness;
et the theme our tongues employ:
k no more of gloom and sadness,
*Iercy is a theme of joy.*
*, we're sure,* who know not this,
*ot know* what mercy is.

But for this delightful subject,
What a waste this earth would seem!
Mercy now on ev'ry object,
Seems to shed a cheerful beam.
Till we knew the joyful sound,
All was dark and waste around.

Mercy lightens all our crosses;
Mercy mitigates our pains;
Makes amend for all our losses,
And gives worth to what remains.
All our joys from mercy spring;
Let us then of mercy sing!

## PRAYER

*For Wednesday Morning.*

O Almighty God, who art a Fath
bless, a Redeemer to save, and a Spi
sanctify us unworthy sinners; look
in mercy upon us this morning, and
ble us to look up to thee in faith and
Accept, we pray thee, our heartfelt th
for the light of another day, and the s
and rest of the past night. Enable us
to lift up our hearts unto thee, as a
hearing prayer, and receiving and par
ing sinners who come unto thee in
name of thy beloved Son. May we del
ourselves in thee, and rejoice in the
alway. Help us to know that, if

urs, all is ours; that pardon, and peace, l heaven are ours; for he is faithful o hath promised. Cause our souls to fide in Jesus, who is engaged for us in covenant of redemption. May we exise faith in Him as the faithful and true ness. May we give up ourselves to be ed, and taught, and saved by him in om we have full and free salvation. lp us to *draw near to thee for mercy grace*, in dependance on him as our iteousness; and *to go forth to every y* in dependance on him as our strength. y we at all times feel assured that the rd God will help us; and that, therefore, shall not be confounded.

We bless thee that we have a Saviour to pe in. Without him we, who are guilty d depraved, could not rejoice in thee. it, having such an advocate with the Fa-er, we would not only come boldly to e throne of grace, but would sit down der the shadow of it with great delight, behold the beauty of the Lord. O thou od of love! shew unto us here thy loving odness; cause thy goodness to pass be-re us; proclaim thy name to be gracious, d merciful; and let the joy of the Lord *our strength*. May we delight ourselves *hee the fountain* of blessedness: may

we encourage ourselves in thee the
our God; and plead with thee the
promises, which thou hast given to
support and encouragement. Let
faith rely upon thy gracious decla
"Fear not, I am with thee: I a
shield and exceeding great reward:
strengthen thee, and uphold thee w
right hand of my righteousness." L
be to our souls the voice of joy an
ness. Thus may we rejoice in th
of the Lord; for great is the glory
Lord; thus may we drink of the r
pleasure which is at thy right ha
ever: thus may we rest in thy love,
in the Lord, and be joyful in the
our salvation.

May we ever feel that thy love
binds us to love thee, and live t
We owe to thee our life, and hop
joy: what shall we render for all th
fits. "Bless the Lord, O our soul
let all that is within us praise h
name." May we praise thee wh
have our being; and, after this life,
mitted to dwell at thy right hand,
there is fulness of joy and pleasu
evermore. We ask all for the de
deemer's sake, to whom with Thys
the blessed Spirit be ascribed
praises. Amen.

## HYMN

*For Wednesday Evening.*

We bless thee, Lord, that yet we live
  To close another day;
Our many trespasses forgive,
  And keep us in the way.

When we shall close our eyes in sleep,
  Preserve us safe from harm;
From nightly foes our dwelling keep,
  And guard us with thine arm.

And should we sleep, to wake no more,
  Till the last trumpet sound;
May we, in that decisive hour,
  Among thy saints be found.

## PRAYER

*For Wednesday Evening.*

) thou God of infinite goodness and
, we desire to adore and bless thee,
only as altogether lovely in thine own
ascendant excellencies and most glori-
perfections; but also for thy wonders
ercy and bounty towards us. How un-
ikable *is thy goodness* in making us ca-
*of loving thee*; than which the highest
*s know no greater* bliss; yea, that thou

hast not only given us capacities for so, but also the greatest obligati engage our hearts unto it.

Yet, alas! how cold and defecti been our love! In what estrang from thee, our God, and enmity a thee have we lived! O Lord, w done foolishly and wickedly in for thee, the fountain of living wat hew out to ourselves broken cister can hold no water: in shutting our against thee our chiefest good; and ring the trifles and vanities of this world, and the gratifying our own and hurtful lusts, above thee a favor, which is better than life.

O most gracious God! merciful don all our defects of love to thee, the excesses of it to earthly things. our affections from all vain obj thy blessed self, who art most of them. O conquer all our pre and for ever win our hearts by ing thyself to us as a pardonin full of compassion, and ready to f and willing to save. Touch our with such a powerful sense of thy lo and thy loving kindness, that w experience stronger desires afte greater delight in thee, and ma

ırns of love to thee. O discover
vanity of all those tempting
ich would draw our hearts from
eveal thyself to us as our life,
our joy; and may we ever
; to appear before thee, and de-
the duties that bring us near to
help our communion with thee.
ɔur love to thy word, and to all
of thy Spirit and grace. And
l more satisfaction and pleasure
ıt of thy countenance, than in
ost desired enjoyments of this
t us not rest in thy gifts, forget-
he bountiful giver of every good
; by every cord of thy love draw
earer to thyself. Help us, O
ll times to manifest our love to
ting evil, keeping thy command-
l delighting to do thy will. Let
of our souls, the care of our
d the aim of our lives be to
e. And may we be rooted and
in love, and through thy grace,
lves in the love of God, abound-
the fruits of righteousness, and
r the mercy of our Lord Jesus
ɔ *eternal life.* Amen.

## MEDITATION

*For Thursday Morning.*

### THE CHRISTIAN CONQUEROR.

"And this is the victory that overcometh world, even our faith. Who is he that overcom the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is son of God. 1 John v. 4, 5.

The real Christian is the true conque of the world. It is the world that obstru our way to heaven, and is the great im diment to our entrance there. But he believes that Jesus is the Son of God, lieves that he gave himself for us that might deliver us from this present world, and powerfully to conduct us thro it to heaven, and to God, who is fully be enjoyed there: and he that so belie by this faith overcomes the world. feels that this world is an enemy to soul, to his holiness, to his salvation, to his blessedness. For all that is in world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of eye, and the pride of life, is not of Father, but is of the world. He sees it m be a great part of the Saviour's work, of his own salvation, to be redeemed rescued from the pollution that is in

d through lust. He sees in the life conduct of the Lord Jesus on earth, this world is to be renounced and come. He perceives that the Lord s conquered the world, not for himself , but also for his followers: and that must study to be partakers of his ory. "Be of good cheer, I have over- e the world." By the sufferings and h of the Lord Jesus he is mortified crucified to the world: "God forbid I should glory, save in the cross of Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world rucified to me, and I unto the world." the *resurrection* of Jesus Christ from dead, he is begotten to a lively hope of lessed world above. He knows that Saviour is *gone to heaven*, to prepare lace for all true believers. He knows from thence his Saviour *will come in* to put an end to this world, to ge the inhabitants of it, and to receive believers to his presence and glory. is possessed with a spirit and disposition cannot be satisfied with this world, looks beyond it, and is still tending, ving, and pressing towards the world in ven. *It is in the Gospel* that we see the *sion and ground* of the quarrel between *holy God* and this rebellious world.

It is *there* we meet with that sacred do
trine both spiritual and practical, which
altogether opposed to the tenour, the te
per, and tendency of this world. It is
*that doctrine* that a spirit is communicat
and diffused, which is superior and adve
to the spirit of the world. It is *there* we
that the Saviour himself is not of t
world, that his kingdom was not, and
not so; that it must be separated from
world, and gathered out of it for hea
and for Him. *There we see* that the Sa
our designed not this world for the inh
tance and portion of his redeemed peo
As he is gone to heaven himself, so
assures them that he will prepare a p
for their residence there, designing
they shall always dwell with him:
allowing them to believe that if in this
and this world only, they had hope in
they should at last be miserable.
*there* that the eternally blessed world
most clearly revealed and proposed to
affections and pursuits. *It is there* that
are furnished with the best arms and a
lery against the assaults and attempt
the world. *It is there* we are taught
its artillery may be turned against its
*and* its oppositions, encounters, and pe
*cutions* be made serviceable to our

st of the world, and to our motion and nt heavenwards. And *there* we are ouraged by a whole army and cloud of hful soldiers, who have in their several erations, and the posts and stations ointed them, overcome the world, and the crown.

t is only the Christian who is the true that vanquishes the world, rejoices universal victory, takes the kingdom heaven by violence, and lays hold on nal life. Who but the believer on us Christ can thus overcome the world?

## HYMN

*For Thursday Morning.*

Awake, my zeal! awake, my love!
To serve my Saviour here below;
In works which Saints in light above,
And Angels would delight to do.

Awake, my charity! to feed
The hungry soul, to clothe the poor.
In heaven there are no sons of need,
There all these duties are no more.

The land of triumph is on high;
*The land where foes* no more shall rage.
*Lord, may I conquer* till I die,
*And all the Christian* warfare wage.

Subdue thy passions, O my soul!
Maintain the fight, thy work pursue;
Daily thy rising sins control,
And be thy victories ever new.

Let ev'ry passing hour confess,
That I the Lord, my Saviour, own
And when my life and labour cease,
May I obtain the glorious crown!

## PRAYER

*For Thursday Morning.*

O most high and holy God, who had in reverence of all them th round about thee, vouchsafe to san by thy Spirit; and enable us so t nigh unto thee in prayer, that thou draw nigh unto us in the communi of thy love and mercy. O grant spirit of faith and adoption to call name. We would come with holy to the throne of thy grace, knowi we have an Advocate; and rejoicin through him, exceeding great and p promises are made and sealed to us us never lose the benefit of thy pr for the want of pleading them with May our delight in drawing near increase; may we walk before the land of the living, and ever abi

hy covenant. May the Saviour
ingly precious to us; and by his
, may we be weaned more and
the world which hated him and
im. As he overcame the world,
e also overcome it. By faith in
we obtain the victory; such a
at we may not be entangled by
g vanities, encumbered by its
disquieted by its sorrows. Help
above the things that are seen
oral, looking upon them with a
ference. May the eyes of our
ver fixed on those things which
een and eternal, remembering
re not of this world, but are
come out of it. And seeing we
ed for another and better state
may we seek those things which
and set our affections on them.
rs of the cross, may we fight the
of faith; may we lay hold on
e; and be animated by a well
ope that there is laid up for us a
fe, which the Lord the righteous
ll give us in the last great day.
o thee that we may obtain mer-
*n and grace* to help us in every
*l. O excite* us to, direct us in,
*hly furnish* us for every good

word and work, according
this and every day requi
commit ourselves to thy gra
cere resolution to submit i
to thy governance; and t
strengthening us, to do an
will. If we are assaulted
tions to sin, though we ha
our resistance weak and i
henceforward give us faith
not be foiled or overcome b
we be furnished with the w
God; and, by the power of
bled to stand in the evil d
burdened with affliction, let
the hour of adversity; but
faith and strength equal
under all calamities. Wha
let us still find comfort in
possession of hope and joy i
us, we humbly beseech thee,
of thy presence throughou
pilgrimage; and when at l
be called to go up and pos
land, and find we need a stre
had before; oh! then may
tain of our salvation shew us
conquered enemy; may
triumph, and enable us t
thanks unto God who give
through our Lord Jesus

## HYMN

*For Thursday Evening.*

ugh the day thy love has spar'd us,
ow we lay us down to rest:
ugh the silent watches guard us,
t no foe our peace molest:
, thou our guardian be,
t it is to trust in thee.

ims here on earth, and strangers
velling in the midst of foes,
nd ours preserve from dangers,
thy care may we repose:
when life's short day is past,
with thee in heaven at last.

## PRAYER

*For Thursday Evening.*

rd our God, we desire to come into
presence pleading thine own gra-
omise to pour out upon those who
e a spirit of grace and supplication.
ve present our petitions unto thee,
ld remember that thou art in hea-
hroned in thine own glory, dwelling
the praises of angels, and the spi-
he just made perfect. How great
ndescension in humbling thysel

to delight in their constant ascrip
glory, honour, dominion, and powe
thou hast in thine infinite compassi
goodness deigned to declare that th
a dwelling place on earth, even
heart which is humble and contri
which trembleth at thy word! Gr
vouchsafe unto each of us such a
tion as thou wilt thus honour. I
come before thee deeply sensible
have fallen by our iniquities, and
us dwelleth no good thing. We
prayed by nature, and defiled by tra
sion; and thou wouldest be most
sending us where hope cannot com
banish us not from thy presence; t
thy Holy Spirit from us; but rev
self unto us, and let the light of th
tenance ever shine upon us. O Lo
is a God like unto thee, pardoning i
transgression, and sin; because th
lightest in mercy, and retainest n
anger for ever! Not unto us, O L
unto us; but unto thy great nam
the glory. We rejoice that thou
unspeakable mercy, found a ran
sinners, and satisfied thine offended
O may the blood of Jesus cleanse
*all our sins*. Help us to lie low
*foot of the* cross; and enable us

se of faith, to wash in the fountain
l for sin and uncleanness. May we
of the water of life, that our souls
ever thirst; and eat of that bread
heaven which causeth the soul to
or ever. Thou hast magnified thy
to us, in that while we were yet
rs Christ died for us; may that love
rain us to give ourselves up unto
May we shew forth thy praise not
with our lips, but in our lives: con-
us to thine image; may we take thy
not only as that on which we build
hopes of future blessedness, but also as
daily rule of our thoughts and actions.
we ever be governed by its principles,
obedient to its great commands.
e praise thy name for all the hopes
hast given us for another world, and
he bounties of thy providence vouch-
l to us in this. We thank thee for
and raiment; for preservation from
n throughout the past day. Take us
r thy care this night. Let thy mercies
us up to thee the fountain, in love and
tude unfeigned. Help us to serve
while we are here below; and, after
*life, take our souls to* dwell with thee
*er in heaven.* These mercies, and all
*necessary* for life and godliness, we

earnestly supplicate for ourselves and our dear relatives and friends in the n of our most blessed Redeemer and Ad cate, Jesus Christ our Lord; who in c passion to our ignorance has taugh thus to call upon thee in behalf of selves and all mankind, "Our Father,"

## MEDITATION

*For Friday Morning.*

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek things which are above, where Christ sitte the right hand of God. Set your affecti things above, not on things on the earth. are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, shall ye also appear with him in glory." iii. 1, 4.

We must seek first his kingdom must mind the concerns of another more than this: we must make h our scope and aim; maintaining co nion with the world above by faith, hope, and holy love; and making i constant care and business to secur title to heavenly bliss. And the r given is, because Christ sits at the *hand* of God.

*He* who is our best friend, ou

anced to the highest dignity and
r in heaven; and is gone before to
to us heavenly happiness. We
ore should seek and secure what he
rchased at so vast an expense, and
which he is taking so much care. We
live such a life as Christ lived on
holy, harmless, undefiled, and sepa-
om sinners.

seek heavenly things, is to set our
ons upon them; to love them, and
e our desires after them. Upon the
of affection the heart soars upwards,
; carried forth towards spiritual and
objects. We must acquaint our-
with them, and esteem them above
her things; and lay out ourselves in
ration for the enjoyment of them.
is to be spiritually minded, and to
and desire a better country, that is,
eavenly one.

t us remember that we are buried
Christ, and planted in the likeness of
death. Every Christian is crucified
the world, and the world is crucified
him. And, surely, if we are dead to
earth, and have renounced it as our
*iness, we shall* not set our affections
*it, and seek it.* Our true life lies in
*her world*; ye are dead, and your

life is hid with Christ in God. The new man is born and nourished from above, and the perfection of his life is reserved for that state. It is hid with Christ; not hid *from* us only in point of secresy, but hid *for* us in security. The life of a Christian is hid with Christ: "Because I live, ye shall live also." Christ is at present him whom we have not seen; but this is our comfort, that our life is hid with him, laid up safe with him. If we can say, him having not seen we love; we may also take the comfort of a happiness out of sight and reserved in heaven for us.

If we live a life of Christian purity and devotion now; when Christ who is our life shall appear, we also shall appear with him in glory. Christ is the believer's life; "I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me:" He is the principle and end of the Christian's life: he lives in us by his Spirit, and we live in him in all we do: "to me to live is Christ."

Christ will appear again in his Father's glory, in his own glory, and with his holy angels. We shall then appear with him in glory. It will be *his* glory to have his redeemed with him, and it will be *theirs* to come with him, and be with him for ever. At the second coming of Christ there

general meeting of all the saints; and whose life is now hid with Christ, then appear with Christ in that glory he himself enjoys. Do we look for a happiness as that? Should we not set our affections upon that world, and above this? Our head is there, our is there, our treasure is there, and pe to be there for ever.

## HYMN

*For Friday Morning.*

Almighty Saviour set us free
From sin's vile state of slavery;
And as our treasure is above,
Be there our thoughts, be there our love.

But oft, alas! too well we know,
Our thoughts, our love, are fix'd below:
In every lifeless prayer we find,
The heart unmov'd, the absent mind.

Lord, draw our best affections hence,
Above this world of sin and sense;
Cause them to soar above the skies,
And rest not till to heav'n they rise.

## PRAYER

*For Friday Morning.*

*most merciful* and blessed God, who *ommanded* us to make known our

requests unto thee with prayer and s
cation with thanksgiving; assist
beseech thee, to draw nigh to the
lively thankfulness for thy holy
which opens to us such glorious pro
and sets us before thy commandme
keeping of which there is great r
We bless thee for the revelation
Saviour, and desire to exalt his nam
every name. We thank thee, that,
obtained eternal redemption for us
entered with his own blood into t
place; and now sits upon the thr
thy Majesty in the highest heavens,
by all the angelic hosts, and atten
an innumerable company of the red
who continually surround him,
their anthems to his praise, and
their crowns at his feet.

We bless thee that he ever app
the presence of God as the great
priest of our profession, to interce
all who come unto thee by him; th
now preparing a place for all his foll
and will come again to receive th
himself, to behold his glory and t
in it. May the contemplation of t
he is entered into, and the powe
which he is girded, have such an in
upon us, that we may also by

d up and made to sit together with in heavenly places. Help us to con-plate the glory of Christ, the love of st, and the great things of the world e; that so our hearts may be dead to elow, but alive to thee. But, O Lord, have need to examine ourselves, that may know of a truth that we are risen Christ. Help us ever to exercise erity in this great search, and never to satisfied until we can appeal to thee, say, "Whom have we in heaven but ? and there is none upon earth we re besides thee;" "Thou knowest all gs, thou knowest that we love thee." thou, O Lord, who searchest the heart triest the reins, lead us, we beseech , in the way everlasting.

ake us jealous over ourselves with a y jealousy, lest we should be cleaving arth. Raise our affections to Christ, help us to esteem him as "the chief ng ten thousand, and altogether love- Help us to accept of salvation in the in which he offers it to guilty man. we approve and love this free salva-, submitting to the righteousness of by faith, *and not* seeking to establish *own righteousness*; content to *ing, that the* Lord alone may be

alted, and Christ be all in all; an
the grace of God which bringeth sal
teach us to deny all ungodliness and
ly lusts, to live soberly, righteousl
godly in the world. May we giv
whole selves unto thee, presentin
bodies and souls unto thee as a livi
crifice which is our reasonable s
Help us to resign ourselves to the sa
ing power of thy Spirit, to the com
ing power of thy law, to the dis
power of thy providence.

We have in times past too much r
the Holy Ghost, and striven agains
when he has striven with us. Hencef
may we yield to his influences; l
might quell our corruptions, and
every thought into captivity to the
dience of Christ. May we have r
unto thy commandments, and resolv
what the Lord shall say unto us th
we do. Cause us, heavenly Father,
cheerfully to submit all our affairs t
divine disposal, to be directed and
mined as unerring wisdom sees fit.
with us as seemeth good unto thee, l
never lean to our own understanding
work thy will in us, and for us, and b
*Thus,* O Lord, fit us for life or for d

hen Christ who is our life shall
e also may appear with him in
nen.

## HYMN

*For Friday Evening.*

religion is the same
er every age and name:
who feel its power will own,
are sav'd by grace alone.

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n this they all agree;
their hearts are full of sin,
their natures all unclean.

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ed by the sacred page;
the poorest Christian feels
t the word of God reveals.

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st the Lord our righteousness;
elieving in his name,
to heavenly glory came.

nay well exalt him thus;
s all in all to us;
*wash us in his blood,*
*ill bring us home to God.*

godly in the world, holy
whole selves unto thee, I
bodies and souls unto thee
crifice which is our reaso
Help us to resign ourselves
ing power of thy Spirit, to
ing power of thy law, to
power of thy providence.

We have in times past too
the Holy Ghost, and strive
when he has striven with us.
may we yield to his influ
might quell our corruptio
every thought into captivit
dience of Christ. May we
unto thy commandments, a
what the Lord shall say un

, when Christ who is our life s
we also may appear with hin
Amen.

## HYMN

*For Friday Evening.*

True religion is the same
Under every age and name:
All who feel its power will own,
They are sav'd by grace alone.

Very different they may be;
Yet in this they all agree;
That their hearts are full of sin,
And their natures all unclean.

Saints have been in every age
Guided by the sacred page;
And the poorest Christian feels
What the word of God reveals.

Yes, they would with us confess
Christ the Lord our righteousness;
By believing in his name,
They to heavenly glory came.

We may well exalt him thus;
He is all in all *to us*;
*If he wash us in* his blood,
*He will bring* us home to God.

PRAYER

*For Friday Eve*

O almighty and most
those who know thy nam
trust in thee: for thou h
them that seek thee thro
Son. Help us, we pray th
to know ourselves that th
long-suffering, and abund
and truth. May this reve
encourage us to draw near
we are unworthy of thy
serve only that thou sho
face from us, and shut up
ness in displeasure.

h him that hath loved us. Ena-
onfess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
ourselves his subjects. May we
ves under his government, under
nces of his grace, and the guid-
s Holy Spirit. May we seriously
the great things which be-
our everlasting peace and wel-
able us to exercise an unwaver-
in Christ. Thou hast declared
ll pleased in the Son of thy love:
to commit our souls into his
protection, believing that he is
eep that which we commit unto
ast that day. Then may we, pu-
n an evil conscience by the blood
and clothed with the robe of his
righteousness, be admitted to sit
he marriage supper of the Lamb.
ing for and hastening to the joy
y set before us, may we run
ence the race of godliness; may
n our whole selves, body, soul,
t, unto thee; and be determined
hy strength we will serve thee
, and walk closely with thee in all
f obedience.

*treat thee, O God*, in an especial
*bless our friends*; visit them with
*; and shew* unto them the path

of life. Let those that know thee rej
and be glad in thee; and in thy w
visit those who know and love thee
Thou art he who openeth, and no
shutteth: O speak thou unto their
and open their hearts to receive the
mony thou hast given of thy Son, w
is life and peace. Grant that we m
be found savingly united to Christ:
so we may be interested in the propiti
he has made for sin, and be accepted
thee at thy coming. O Lord, pardon
hear, and bless us for the sake of
Christ our Saviour; to whom with
O Father, and the blessed Spirit, be
and never ending praises. Amen.

## MEDITATION

*For Saturday Morning.*

### THE LOVE OF CHRIST.

"The love of Christ which passeth know
Eph. iii. 19.

*The love of Christ!* but where sha
begin, and where shall we find an
With holy wonder and adoration we
*claim*, O the breadth, the length, the d
*the* height of that love in which all
*tion* is swallowed up! O the bound

ower, wisdom, righteousness,
which finite knowledge can
rehend nor express! The an-
roclaimed the high praises of
ehovah, all whose perfections
nlimited, when they sung,
od in the highest; peace on
good-will to men." But we
his spiritual song on the sum-
*y*. *There*, beholding the Cre-
ls hanging upon the accursed
the suffering lamb of the sin
nderstand the divine declara-
crucified the Lord of glory."
*rceive* wisdom, holiness, and
emanating from one centre.
becoming man, in order to
en creatures again the objects
lasting friendship, which was
irst head, but restored by the
aven. *There we see* the ransom
erable insolvent debtors; the
ress of the divine holiness, re-
satisfaction; the requisitions
ely righteous Judge seeking
g complete and sufficient ful-
e perfect, all-surpassing obe-
Lamb. Whilst at the excla-
*is finished!*" hell trembled;
lismayed; the rocks and the

ntains rent; the dead were rais
the veil of the temple was divided
n! *There we behold* the mystery of
er's justification, his regeneration
tification; in the blood shedding
manuel, his burial, resurrection, a
, and his promised gift of the
it. O the depth of the riches bo
wisdom and knowledge of God!
the Scriptures say, that to J
st give all the prophets witness;
alone is the eternal rock of
ded upon which the soul obtain
ion of sin, and a title to everla

That holy shame must cover our
n reflecting on what have been *our*
*s for such loving-kindness.* When
old ourselves *in this light*, we dare
up our head! Blessed be God, the
fficient source of comfort in the bou
ocean of divine love, which has nei
om nor shore. Yet must our soul
n grieved and wounded by our ingr
, when we ask ourselves, where
hatred and aversion to sin? Where
love towards Christ and his peopl
ere that following after holiness
y other virtue which is seen bright
ng in many of his children? Not

e a ground of confidence; Oh no! uite beyond ourselves. Oh! that, Christ Jesus who has loved all his with everlasting love, we could ore humbly before him and with Oh! to look more habitually into den of Gethsamene, and the awful of bleeding Calvary; then should t in a lowly posture at the feet of at Teacher, and so would this love passeth knowledge be abundantly road in our hearts.

## HYMN

*For Saturday Morning.*

Thanks be unto God for the gift,
Th' unspeakable gift of his love!
Come sinners, let gratitude lift
Our joyful affections above!
This gift ev'ry other outweighs;
Its value we cannot conceive;
The Gospel its riches displays,
And blessed are they that believe.

How wretched and lost was our case,
By nature and practice undone!
To save us, oh wonder of grace,
*The Father withheld not his Son!*
He gave Him, the just for the vile,
To die that we rebels might live:
*In Him he is* pleased to smile,
*And faithful* and just to forgive.

Yet, when we were enemies doom'd
To regions of guilt and despair,
*The Saviour our nature assumed,*
Himself our infirmities bare.
He sav'd us from sin and from hell,
When lost and just ready to die;
And rais'd us with princes to dwell
In mansions of glory on high.

What tongue can his mercy unfold!
Its height and its depth are unknown
Yet sweetly its worth we behold
*Reveal'd by his Spirit alone.*
But more shall its glories employ
Our praise in his temple above;
While ever beholding with joy
Th' unspeakable gift of his love.

## PRAYER

*For Saturday Morning.*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. All thy creatures praise thee, and thy saints bless thee: and well may they bless thee, who know thy name, and the riches of thy grace displayed in Jesus Christ thy well-beloved Son. Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift! Adored be thy name, O Lord, that thou didst not spare thine own Son, but freely gave him up for us

blessed be thy name, O Lord Jesus
, that thou didst not spare thine own
ut didst behold us in our lost estate,
to our relief. With lively thank-
s would we remember thy grace,
hough thou wast rich, yet for our
didst become poor; that we, through
overty, might be made rich. Oh!
hall we render unto the Lord for all
nefits towards us? O may we receive
ip of salvation, and call upon the
of the Lord. May we receive Christ
as set forth in the Gospel; as our
et, Priest, and King. May he be
of God unto us wisdom, and righte-
ss, and sanctification, and redemption.
we esteem as more precious than
s the unspeakable blessings of his
: and may our hearts be filled with
er and gratitude at the exceeding
ness of his love. From his fulness
we all receive grace for grace.
ght with such a price may we be
ous to glorify thee, O Lord, with our
s and spirits, which are thus doubly
; thine by redemption as well as by
tion. Henceforward may they be thine,
by a full and unreserved consecration
*rselves to thy* service and glory. Con-
*ed by such love* may we be willing to

deny ourselves, and take up our cross and follow him. What things were gain to us them may we count loss for Christ; yea doubtless, may we count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus our Lord; that we may win Christ and be found in him.

We rejoice that he, who while he below, wept and died for sinners, is now ascended up on high, and is exalted at the right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour. We adore thee, that his love is still the same, now that he is entered into heaven as our great forerunner. Thither may our most ardent affections ever ascend; that may our thoughts continually rise in adoring contemplation of the glory which is to be revealed. And oh! may we all be amongst the happy number of those who will at last behold thy face with exceeding joy.

With shame, O Lord, would we confess that we have in times past been so weak and defective in our love to thee; so cold in our thoughts of thee, so languid in our desires towards thee, so unsteady in our resolutions to serve thee. O enable us to love thee better, and fit us to be where *love* shall be made perfect. There may we *drink* largely of the rivers of joy, and

ake of the blessings of redeeming grace. ask all for the Redeemer's sake, who liveth to make intercession for us, is able to save to the uttermost all that e unto God by him. Amen.

HYMN

*For Saturday Evening.*

With thy counsel thou shalt guide me,
O thou Shepherd of the flock!
Safe from every tempest hide me,
Fix'd upon the living rock.
Poor and needy, oh! receive me;
Be thy rod my staff and stay;
And that blessed portion give me,
Which no power can take away.

Whether love and mercy shining
Cheer my path with sacred light,
Or my heavenly sun declining
Spread around the shades of night;
Still my faith on thee reposing,
Let thine arm conduct me through,
Till in death the warfare closing,
I shall prove thy promise true.

Never leave me nor forsake me;
More and more reveal thy love;
Till thou shalt a pillar make me
In the house of God above.
There the song of grace abounding
Freely round thy throne shall rise,
*And thy praise for ever sounding*
*Fill thy temple in the skies.*

## PRAYER

*For Saturday Evening.*

O Thou, in whom we live, an
and have our being, we thank th
yet thou preservest us in life; and
the close of another week, we bow
footstool, to offer to thee the tribu
thanks, and to plead with thee for a
of thy mercies. May thy Spirit l
infirmities, and teach us how t
What are we, O Lord, that th
brought us hitherto! How many h
called to thy bar during the week
now drawing to an end! O keep us c
ly in mind, that to us the period ma
far distant when we too may be req
give an account of our stewardship
improvement we have made of ou
ous time, and the various talents wi
thou hast entrusted us. When th
of all the earth shall come upon th
of his glory, and every eye shall s
Oh then, may we not be ashame
him at his coming. Though we h
much reason to confess, that in ti
we have provoked thee, and been
to thee in our minds by wicked wo
may it then be found, that we a

to God by the blood of the cross; hrough Christ Jesus, may we be pre- d holy, and unblameable, and unre- able in thy sight.

e bless thee that thou hast manifested ove towards us in sending thine only tten Son into the world, that we might through him. O give us to believe lessed record thou hast given us of on. O Lord, help our unbelief. Faith t of ourselves; it is the gift of God. alone art the author, and thou alone he finisher of it. Lord increase our : fulfil the work of faith with power: abroad thy love in our hearts, so shall e vitally united to Christ our living . If hitherto we have not known nor loved thee, O hasten with thine Spirit, and begin the good work in us; breathe into us the breath of May we look unto the Saviour, and ath the shade of the cross may our ts of stone become hearts of flesh.

are us, we pray thee, to enter on the row into thy courts. May our waking ghts be of thee; and let us welcome day, and find in it rest from sin and y *worldly care.* Prepare us for the *nities of the* Sabbath, and fit us for *union with* thee. Help us to leave

the world and the things of the
with our loins girded and our la
ing, to worship the Lord in the
holiness. Teach thy servants
minister, and strengthen them
might by thy Holy Spirit: e
with fidelity, wisdom, and zeal.
speak unto our souls a word in d
and may we receive the truth
word of a dying man, but as th
the living God. Make it effectu
ble the proud, to awaken the c
melt the hardened, to comfort the
and to sanctify the unholy. A
of the day may there be joy in h
many a repenting sinner. An
Father, may each of us be of
number who have believed t
Now take us we beseech the
care: be to us a God, and may
thee a people. May all who are
dear to us be bound up together
who shall be gathered into the
garner, and rise to glory, honou
mortality, through him that hat
and given himself for us. Amen

# RAMENTAL EXERCISES.

*rayer of one going to the Lord's Table.*

ou God of ordinances, I thank thee covenant of thy grace, and the ap- seals of it. I desire to give myself but fear I should approach to holy unworthily. Hast not thou filled reverence for this command of my aviour, with this desire of commu- th thee, and with this willingness holly thine? Examine me, O Lord, ve me; try my reins and my heart. dulging any secret sin? Do I allow n the neglect of any holy precept? not wrong my soul by a sinful ab- om thy table. Let thy word, thy nce, and thy Spirit concur to make y plain before me. Scatter my Give me stronger faith and love. he views of a crucified Saviour may mpress my mind, and a sense of his *ve constrain* me to give up myself *ore solemnly* than I have ever yet

Lord, shew me thy covenant, me to grow in grace, and in the k of my Lord and Saviour Jesus C believe; Lord, help thou mine unb increase my faith. Kindle my re and strike this rocky heart tha bleed at the remembrance of my lies; and confirm my resolution may have nothing more to do wit abhor myself that I love my God, viour, no better. Let that spark a flame; let that flame be st steady, and the proofs of it appe holy obedience. O shed abroad in my heart, by the Holy Spirit gi me! Breathe upon this earthly c it shall become warm. Draw m shall run after thee. I had rat thee than have all the treasures O my God, let me not be cold an at that solemnity, where I am to morate the most glorious love ever known or heard of! Be with help my infirmities, accept me, a my heart to thee in everlastin through my Redeemer. Amen.

## PRAYER
### BEFORE A COMMUNION.

:hy art thou, O Lord, to receive
;, and honour, and glory, and power;
ı hast created all things, and for thy
e they are and were created. I
hee as the God of my life, and the
of my days; but above all, as the
salvation, the God and Father of our
esus Christ, through whom I draw
a throne of grace.
ss thee for the new covenant which
ed by the shedding of Christ's blood,
t I am invited this day to receive
ls of that covenant. Do thou gra-
open the fountain of life, for the
ment of my thirsty soul: may I by
hold Christ crucified set forth be-
, and feed on him to my spiritual
in grace. Give me, I beseech thee,
views of the evil of sin, and of the
and breadth of the love of Christ,
sseth knowledge. Grant, O Lord,
may be enabled to eat of that bread
memorial of the body of Christ, bro-
me; and to drink of that cup, as
*norial of the* blood of Christ, shed
*remission* of sins. There may I

glory in the cross of Christ, in
was crucified upon it, as my only
Saviour. There may I meditate
inestimable love, O Father of n
the gift of thine only begotten
on his astonishing love and grac
fire of sacred love shall burn w
till, out of the abundance of my
tongue break forth in strains
thanksgiving, and my mouth p
with joyful lips: till, being cons
this love, I most solemnly resolv
gage to live henceforth, not to n
to him that died for me and ro
Here at Emanuel's cross may I l
denial, deadness to the world,
meekness, forgiveness, and humi
ing unto him who endured the
despised the shame. May I
weary and faint in my mind; bu
smite on my breast and say, "Go
ciful to me a sinner," I would
penitent confessions with lively
hope. O give me true repent
living faith: teach me to count
but loss, that I may win Christ,
take of his salvation.

I believe, Lord, that thou art g
*high*, having led captivity captive
*feast* of love, let me receive o

s of this glorious victory; and,
ive the outward and visible sign,
delightfully feel the inward and
race. Accept, I beseech thee,
the fresh surrender and dedica-
I make of myself (and family) to
morning. I am no longer my
thine. Thou hast made me,
continually watched over and
ne; and thou hast bought me
e, even the precious blood of
of a lamb without blemish and
t. O thou that art the begin-
isher of every good work, be
ssist my endeavours, to with-
ind more and more from these
ings. Shed abroad thy love in
may I sit under thy shadow
t; and so hunger and thirst
ead and water of life, that my
e satisfied; that I may hunger
or the bread that perisheth;
thirst no more for the cisterns
no water; but for those rivers
that are at thy right hand for

## A SACRAMENTAL HYMN.

Jesus invites his saints
  To meet around his board:
Here pardon'd rebels sit and hold
  Communion with their Lord.

For food he gave his flesh;
  He bids us drink his blood:
Amazing favour, matchless grace,
  Of our descending God!

This holy bread and wine
  Maintain our fainting breath,
By union with our living Lord,
  And int'rest in his death.

Our heavenly Father calls
  Christ and his members one:
We, the young children of his love,
  And he, the firstborn Son.

We are but several parts
  Of the same broken bread:
One body hath its sev'ral limbs;
  But Jesus is the head.

Let all our pow'rs be join'd
  His glorious name to raise:
Pleasure and love fill every mind;
  And ev'ry voice be praise.

ess bounty of the eternal God!
is this! And to what unwor-
! And will God stoop so low to
me so near him? Will he thus
s worthless enemies? Will he
on all that I have done, and
o his family and love, and feed
flesh and blood of his Son? I
rd help my unbelief! I humbly
ully accept thy gifts! Open
urt, that I may yet more joy-
ore thankfully accept them.
rd, a wretch that needeth all
And, as it is the offer of thy
ovenant, my soul gladly takes
God and Father, for my Sa-
y Sanctifier. And here I give
thee, as thy created, redeemed,
rated child; to be saved and
thee; to be loved by thee, and
for ever. O seal this cove-
Spirit, and let me be entirely
thine!

THE MEMORIAL OF OUR ABSENT LORD.

Jesus is gone above the skies,
Where our weak senses reach him not;
And carnal objects court our eyes,
To thrust our Saviour from our thoug

He knows what wand'ring hearts we have
Apt to forget his lovely face:
And, to refresh our minds, he gave
These kind memorials of his grace.

The Lord of life this table spread,
With his own flesh and dying blood;
We on the rich provision feed,
And taste the wine, and bless our God.

Let sinful sweets be all forgot,
And earth grow less in our esteem;
Christ and his love fill every thought,
And faith and hope be fix'd on him.

While he is absent from our sight,
'Tis to prepare our souls a place;
That we may dwell in heavenly light,
And live for ever near his face.

Our eyes look upwards to the hills,
Whence our returning Lord shall come:
We wait thy chariot's awful wheels,
To fetch our longing spirits home.

# MEDITATION

## AFTER A COMMUNION.

what a privilege is the Lord's supper
it is the means of communion with
Son, and with his Father, through the
it! What an honour is it to be admit-
to a feast instituted by the Lamb of
d, and for the enjoyment of the love of
d! What a blessing is it to sit down
y to the marriage supper of the Lamb;
l to partake by faith of its spiritual
lities and delights! There is nothing
yond this upon earth; and it has some-
nes been to the believing receiver a fore-
ste of heaven. Yes, blessed be God, it
s been even to thee, O my soul, unwor-
y as thou art of one crumb from the
aster's table, a feast of fat things, of
nes kept; even of fat things, full of
arrow; of wines kept and well refined.
nd when thou hast not been so highly
asted, yet thou hast enjoyed solid com-
union. Partaking of this bread and
ine, according to the Lord's institution,
nd depending on the Lord's promise, thou
ast been fed and nourished at his table.
*he virtue of his Spirit* has been put forth
*thy heart; and,* by faith, thou hast a

truly eat the flesh and drunk the blood
the Son of man, as thou didst eat the bre
and drink the wine. It was strictly spe
ing a communion; being united to Ch
thou wast a partaker of Christ, and ha
a fellowship with him on his life and de
O let me pray for more of this; and be
the Holy Spirit to increase my commun
with Jesus, that I may live more and m
in him and on him; and thereby en
more of the love of my heavenly Fath
Let me plead and expect the fulfilment
his gracious promise, "He that eateth
flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth
me, and I in him. As the living Fat
hath sent, and I live by the Father, so
that eateth me, even he shall live by m
John vi. 56, 57.

## PRAYER

### AFTER A COMMUNION.

Glory be to thee, O Lord our God, th
in our extreme need of a Redeemer, th
hast made such a gracious provision f
our souls: that thou hast given thy belov
Son to die for our sins, and to save u
*after* we had destroyed ourselves. Bless
*be* thy name, that he who offered up h
*self* upon the cross *for* us, is plea

at his table *to* us. There have
nder his shadow, and his fruit
my taste. O how infinitely
I to thy mercy, that thou
o this sweet heavenly enter-
which thou hast purchased and
us at so great a price! O
ore sensible of thy love, and
ul for its blessed effects. Let
the happy fruits of strength
ent to my soul: even strength
the temptations that would
of thy hands; and refresh-
ay render all the pleasures of
l to me, and make it my meat
do the will of my heavenly
t nothing take from me the
e had of heavenly things. Let
ke the Lord of love, who has
od and gracious to my soul.
beside thee have had domi-
, but, henceforth, by thee only
mention of thy name. Let
ore take up arms against my
vereign, to whom now again I
allegiance. O let me join
ee, my Lord, in a perpetual
*at shall* never be forgotten.
*best of* all lords, who rulest
*hou* mayest bless us; O break

all ties that detain me from thee, and
me for thine own. In the day of thy p
may I offer myself to thee a fre
offering with holy worship; pres
myself, my soul and body, to be a re
able, holy, and lively sacrifice unto
Be thou exalted in thine own stre
so will we sing and praise thy p
Keep and continue me in thy faith
fear, and love to my life's end. I be
thee to accept this my bounden dut
service, not weighing my merits, bu
doning my offences, for the sake of
Christ our Lord, who loved us, and
himself for us: for whom, and to
with thy eternal self, and the Holy
be all thanks and praise, and honou
glory ascribed by me and thy whole c
now and for evermore. Amen.

*Paraphrase on the 23rd Psalm.*

AT THE SACRAMENT.

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not w

"Why art thou cast down, O my s
What if the fig tree does not blosso
the labour of the olive fail, and th
vourite gourd is withered, and pove
distress make large and hasty

rds thee. "Why art thou disquieted in me?" *The Lord is my Shepherd;* *Lord Jehovah my creator*, and the d's creator; so that "the earth is the l's and the fulness thereof; the world, all that dwell therein." *The Lord omnipotent*, "who does what he es, both in heaven and on earth: can open deep rivers in high places, fountains in the midst of valleys; who make the wilderness a pool of water, the dry land springs of water;" and use all things to work together for good of those who love him." *The Jesus*, my Saviour, my friend, my r brother, bone of my bone, and flesh y flesh; and who, therefore, can be hed with the feeling of my infirmities: knows what things I stand in need of, will not suffer me to be tried above t he will enable me to bear.

*he Lord is my Shepherd.* Blessed Sa-r, thou art called by various names, of which display great condescension goodness; but none of the characters hast assumed is expressive of more ler affection, and watchful care, than of a *Shepherd;* and none of them hast *more graciously* fulfilled. How inf- *hast thou* surpassed the best shep-

herd that ever existed. Other she have been remarkable for looking dil to the state of their flocks, providi their proper pasture, taking care th of them went astray, and defendin against beasts of prey. But when ever known that a shepherd laid d life for his sheep? And yet *this* Lord my Shepherd done.

*I shall not want.* I *cannot* wan undertake for my supply. I may want health; or I may want wealt may want friends. I may want a t things, which others may think, o I myself may be so far mistake think necessary for my happines my faithful and infinitely wise S best knows what I want. He ma change of pasture, (though seeming good to bad,) advantageous. He I want medicine, when I may think cordials. He may see I want hu when I may think I want consolati I will comfort myself with this, really want I shall assuredly have.

Ver. 2d. *He maketh me to lie green pastures; he leadeth me beside waters.* And are not present merc ficient pledges of future supplies? all things richly to enjoy, both fo

And it is the peculiarity of
ssings that they do not perish in
. The waters of the sanctuary
waters. The "river, the streams
nake glad the city of our God,"
not on creature sources for its
It rises in heaven; it springs
ely from the throne of God; and
n the ever flowing, and overflow-
ain of grace and glory. Other
nay be eaten bare, or scorched up
ught; but the pastures where
ads his flocks are covered with
verdure, and afford the richest
ment to starving souls.

. *He restoreth my soul.* Thanks
ever faithful guide and guardian!
eth my steps, and pondereth all
gs; and, by the most endearing
love, hath bound me fast to the
the altar. How frequently, how
(and I would hope sincerely)
newed those bonds, and entered
h engagements, that though all
ld forsake him, yet would not I!
I have been at his table feasting
iles, tasting that loving kindness
tter than life, and beholding the
*he only* begotten of the Father,
*ce and* truth, I have thought it

absolutely impossible that I should
lose sight of him; that my heart s
ever wander from him. I then th
and resolved, that my eye should b
towards the Lord, and that I would f
houses and lands, and riches and plea
and every thing that would interce
tween my soul and my Saviour.
alas! O how am I ashamed and grie
the remembrance of my sad declen
Such a time, and such a time alas, if
to reckon up all the times when I
away from the Lord, where should I
and where should I end? It would b
a painful recital of the greatest part
life. It were much easier to reck
the days wherein I walked humbl
my God, than those wherein I
after the ways of my own heart.
still *the Lord is my Shepherd. He re*
*my soul.* Sometimes he draws me
mercy, sometimes he drives me bac
the rod; sometimes he looks m
penitence and tears, as he did Peter;
times he *chastens* me into thoughtf
*He leadeth me in the paths of righte*
If it were not for that I should
*For his name sake.* He has undertak
promised for me. And for his name
he will not suffer me to draw ba

on. He will keep me, therefore,
lling; or restore me when I do fall;
eserve me, by his mighty power,
h faith unto salvation.

## HYMN.

ng the pastures of Christ. Cant. i. 7, 8.

on whom my soul admires above
earthly joy, all earthly love;
l me, dear Shepherd, let me know
ere do thy sweetest pastures grow?

ere is the shadow of that rock
t from the sun defends thy flock?
n would I feed among thy sheep,
ong them rest, among them sleep.

y should thy bride appear like one
t turns aside to paths unknown?
constant feet would never rove,
uld never seek another love.

e footsteps of thy flock I see;
sweetest pastures rich and free:
vondrous feast thy love prepares,
ght with thy wounds, and groans, and tears.

s dearest flesh he gives for food,
d bids me drink his precious blood.
*e to these hills* my soul shall come,
*my beloved* leads me home.

# OCCASIONAL PRAYER

*For a Family under Affliction.*

O thou infinitely great and glorious
thou killest and makest alive; thou w
est and thou healest; thou bringest
to the grave and bringest back
Thou doest according to thy will
armies of heaven, and among the
tants of the earth; and none can sta
hand or say unto thee, "What doest
Yet righteous art thou in all thy wa
holy in all thy works. Even whe
afflictest and causest trouble and
ness to fall upon us, it is that we ma
righteousness from thy judgments,
ceive profit from thy correction.
our God! though thou hast now visi
house with sickness, and art calling
humiliation for our sins; yet we wo
speak good of thy name, and love a
thee. We desire in the midst of ju
to remember thy mercies. How lo
each of our family lain down and ris
gone out and come in, in health, in st
and in peace! How long has the e
the Lord shone upon us without

For these multiplied favours, blessed
name, O most gracious God! And
e receive so much good at thy hand,
all we not receive evil? The cup
our heavenly Father hath given us,
e not drink it? We humbly take
thine hands, O our God, in a full
sion of thy fatherly love. We desire
ign all our thoughts and desires
hee. The Lord gave, and the Lord
aken away; blessed be the name of
rd! Blessed be thy name that thou
ontinued so long the enjoyments
ow callest us to resign: and blessed
name, if, by resigning our will to
we can testify our faith in thee
fection to thee. We have nothing
eat or too dear to resign to thee,
whose bountiful hand we have receiv-
r all. O that no repining thought
rise in our hearts to disorder or dis-
se our duty to thee, or towards our
bour: but help us rather to think
in we have offended thee; and where-
have done iniquity, to do so no more.
place our affections more steadfastly
ngs above, and lay up our treasure
*ope in heaven*, where our "life is hid
*hrist in God.*" We thank thee, O
*of mercies*, that thou hast given u

such everlasting consolation through grace in Christ Jesus. We will prais name for ever, for those exceeding and precious promises which are our port and comfort in all the troubles o life. Increase our faith, strengthe confirm our hope, and raise up our continually to that blessed place Jesus is, that we may rejoice in h that immortal life where all tears sh wiped away from our eyes; where s and sorrow shall never enter; and through the riches of divine grac hope to follow those who are now, th faith and patience, inheriting the pro and where we hope to join togeth praising that wise and merciful provi which, by ways most contrary t desires, brought us to endless and turbed bliss.

Keep us, O our God, in a humble, and dutiful submission to thee, waiti hat peaceful and joyful repose in th al rest which thou hast prepared f people through thy mercies in Chri us; by whom all glory, honour, lo obedience be rendered to thee, both and for ever. Amen.

u wise and merciful Governor of
ld! we have often said, Thy will be
and now thy will is painful to us.
all we, on that account, unsay what
ve so often said? God forbid! We
rather to lay ourselves down at thy
nd to declare our full and free sub-
n to all thy sacred pleasure! O Lord,
art just and righteous in all! We ac-
ledge in thy presence that we have
ved this, and ten thousand times
; we acknowledge that it is of thy
ey that we are not consumed; that the
t degree of comfort yet remains. But
ll we speak to thee only as our Judge?
Lord, thou hast taught us a tenderer
me: thou condescendest to call thysel
Father, and to speak of correction a
effects of thy love. O welcome, we
me, those afflictions, which are the t
s of thy parental affection; the mar
our adoption into thy family. Th
owest what discipline we need. Th
st, O Lord, that folly which there
the hearts of thy poor froward
oughtless children; and knowest w
*ls and what strokes are needfu*
*ive it away.* We would, the

well as stoop to it, and
word of the Lord."
praise thee, that tho
training us up for glor
our heavenly Father pu
shall we not drink it?
and support we will. O
Lord, to stand by us,
grant us a favourable lo
our sufferings; and sup
thy consolations. Hov
night of affliction may se
"Let there be light," th
But we are more concern
tions may be sanctified, t
be removed. Number u
the happy persons

after. We are partakers every mo-
of thy bounty, of thy gospel; and we
in some measure, partakers of the
of it operating on our hearts. O
it operate more and more, that we
largely partake of thine holiness too;
we may come nearer and nearer in
temper of our minds to thee, O blessed
Let our souls be melted in the fur-
if we may but thereby be made fit for
delivered into the mould of thy gos-
and bearing thy bright and amiable
e for ever. Amen.

## PRAYER FOR A FAMILY,

*n any Member of it is Sick; to be used either Morning or Evening.*

ost great and glorious God; thou
he maker, and sovereign Lord of all!
killest, and thou makest alive; thou
ndest and thou healest; thou bringest
n to the gates of the grave, and thou
st up again! And thou dost according
by will in the armies of heaven, and
ng all the inhabitants of the earth: and
can stay thine hand, or say unto thee,
hat doest thou?"
*f righteous* art thou in all thy ways,
*n all thy works*, and good in all th

ingly afflict nor grieve
but that it is only if n
any belonging to us,
heaviness through tria

Although, therefore,
sited our family with si
humbling ourselves und
yet we would still ad
bless thy holy name.

We desire, at this se
praise thee, O Lord, fo
cies with which thou h
our household! God forb
trouble and suffering sh
get those many, those
wherewith thou hast been

ut any interposing cloud! Blessed be
ood and holy name, O Lord, for these
ant, these never ceasing favours! We
ss than the least of all the mercy and
the truth thou hast caused to pass
us. And when we consider how
rthy our sins have rendered us of the
notice and regard from thee; when
onsider how we have exposed our-
, by our numberless transgressions,
ne anger, and all the dreadful effects
both in time and to eternity, we are
ed that we are yet alive. We are
ished that, instead of suffering so lit-
we have, we are not sinking under
veight of thine heavy indignation!
least mercy we receive from thee is
than we deserve, and the greatest
ion less! Blessed be thy condescend-
goodness and compassion, that thou
opened a way for our relief, under
mortal trouble, by thus directing in
vord, "Is any may afflicted? let him
!" To thee, O Father of mercies, do
irect our supplications at this time! O
, be not far from us when trouble is so
! In an entire submission to the deter-
tions of thy wise and holy will, do we
*earnestly pray* for thy servant under
*afflicting* hand, whose sickness fills

unto death, b
Thou knowest h
more upon him th
to bear! And O
without whom all
do thou direct to t
able means, and gi
desired success in
in thy due time r
health and strength
city for honouring a
family, and the worl
mean time we desire
fliction may be sanc
Blessed is the man w
O Lord, and teachest
him that patien

O Lord, help us that are now in
to be preparing for sickness! Let
youngest of us glory in our strength
ur; but may we use our various ta-
a course of well doing; that so,
er thou shalt call any of us to our
rs and beds of sickness, we may not
ghted at the summons. But may
have those consolations which the
an neither give nor take away!
unto God, the only wise, be glory,
Jesus Christ, for ever and ever.

## A FAMILY PRAYER

*signation when any Member has been removed by death.*

ou Father of our spirits, we would
r hands on our mouths, and fall
ow before thee, humbly to own thy
gn right to dispose of us, and all we
nd are, as thou pleasest; we are in
nds as the clay in the hand of the
May our language be, "*It is the*
*let him do what seemeth him good!*"
Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken
and blessed be the name of the
*We desire to* know wherefore the
*contending* with us.

Are ther
love, grow
lived too n
that this p
May we rep
when our n
sleeping! Ar
a greater dil
hands find to
might.

May we all
brance how sh
may not boas
since we know
forth. But ma
mind the th

are brought to light by the gos-
ssed be the God and Father of our
sus Christ, who has begotten us
a lively hope, by the resurrection
Christ from the dead, to an in-
incorruptible, undefiled, and that
ot away, reserved in heaven for

lieve in God, we believe also in
e author and finisher of our faith.
him we may hope, not only for
lete happiness of our souls in an-
rld, but for the resurrection of
es to glory, honour, and immor-

these consolations may be ours!
be sure of a title to them, by being
d to God through his Son; that,
ur sins pardoned, and being crea-
in Christ Jesus, we may rejoice
and comfort one another with
essed promises!

ow unto that glorious Lord, who
l and is alive again, and lives for
, and has the keys of death; who
rose again, and revived, that he
Lord both of the dead and of the
*o him be* honour and glory, sal-
*ictory, triumph*, and dominion,
*nd ever.* Amen.

thy tender mercies are
and this is the messag
heard, which we have s
have particularly experi
love!

Blessed, for ever bles
that, instead of being k
judgments which thou
ously execute upon us, t
to us as a God, willing
iniquities; who healest
who renewest our youth
vigour, and crownest us
ing kindness! Thou has
than our fears, and larg
and expectations!

ing and salvation is now in our ta-
cle. The right-hand of the Lord do-
nighty things. Thy right-hand, O
is exalted! Thy servant, whom thou
ately afflicted, shall not die, but live,
declare the works of the Lord! The
hath chastened sore; but adored be
paring mercy, he hath not delivered
unto death! The living, they shall
thee, as thy restored servant does at
ime; the parents to the children shall
known thy truth! Accept, O Lord,
seech thee, the thanksgivings of thy
nt in particular! Thou hast delivered
*r her)* soul from death, his eyes from
and his feet from falling. O may he
he Lord, who has heard his voice and
pplications, and endeavour to walk
exactly before thee in the land of the
. May thy servant be enabled to go
ne house; and there may we be among
eople that shall witness to the pay-
of his vows; and join with them in
ng the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and
g upon the name of the Lord.
d may this instance of thy goodness
mercy, O heavenly Father, affect and
*nce all before thee* in a proper man-
*May we all learn* more sensibly, that
*eatest worldly* good, our deares
*s, are not in our own hands*; b

that we depend on God for them all! May we consider them as thy gifts, O Lord, that thou makest every earthly blessing be to us what it is: and may we use and enjoy them all, as those who know the fashion of this world is passing away, and we ourselves with it!

O God, grant that from this late affliction in our family we may live more like persons who are not to live together always here; and so behave as that we may be better prepared for a breach in our family when God shall think fit to make it! And then, whichsoever of us is called away first, may he be ready to obey the summons; and though parted here, be joined to the new family above! O may we all meet there to be for ever with one another, and with the Lord.

That we may not be disappointed of so comfortable a hope, may we henceforward be quickened to a more abounding diligence in working that work for which God hast sent us into the world. May we learn by the mercies of God to fill up our stations and relations in our family better than we have done. By this fresh mercy may we be constrained to devote ourselves living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to God: that whether we live or die, we be thine for ever. Amen.

*nily Prayer in prospect of a Journey.*

t blessed and everlasting God! thou eat, and of great power, and thine standing is infinite! Thou, O Lord, earched and known us, thou under-st our thoughts afar off; thou com-t our path, and our lying down, and quainted with all our ways! Whither e go from thy Spirit, O Lord? And er shall we flee from thy presence? ascend up into heaven, thou art ! If we make our bed in the grave, l thou art there! If we take the of the morning, and dwell in the ut-st parts of the sea, even there shall and lead us, and thy right-hand shall us! If we say, surely the darkness cover us, even the night shall be about us; yea, the darkness hideth om thee, the night shineth as the day, rkness and the light are both alike e! Adored be thy name, O Lord, for roof we have had of thy constant pre-with us, from the constant, favour-and gracious effects of it! From the ning of our lives to this day hast thou *with us; in our* lying down and rising *all the business* of every day, and *all the terrors* and darkness of ever

night: and in every place we hav
thee nigh unto us, as our friend, o
server, and benefactor!

We desire now solemnly to rec
ourselves to thy care and protect
the journey we are designing to
take. Being encouraged from o
experience of thy watchful pro
and comforted with the thought
universal presence, we commit o
unto thee, O Lord; humbly acknow
thee in them, and begging thou
direct our paths! If thy presence
with us, let us not go up from o
tation. But as we hope we are und
nothing unlawful in itself, nor un
we humbly pray, that we may be
jects of thy special care and pro
Direct our course for us, and be wi
the way in which we go. Keep
every evil to which we are exposed
we beseech thee, all our bones, t
one of them may be broken. Pres
us our bodily health, and may the
tend to the confirming and establi
it.

Provide, we pray thee, for our
wants by the way; give us bread
and raiment to put on. In ev
where we shall go may we find

e in a proper and becoming manner. us, we beseech thee, from all man- f sin. May we set thee, the Lord, s before us; that so we may never re to be off our guard because we e at a distance from those who used erve, and take notice of our conduct her times. May we preserve a sense d and religion upon our minds, in all s and companies; and take every r opportunity to perform the duties igious worship. Particularly help us intain a constant regard to thy holy s often as it shall return; and, in- of profaning it by unnecessary tra- g or amusements, keep it holy to the Lord! May we endeavour to do e good we can wherever we go, and ave a blessing and not a curse be- us. And do thou succeed and pros- whatever we lawfully undertake, and ify to us our diversions and re- ions.

ay our frequent removes from one to another put us continually in mind r unsettled state in this world. May consider ourselves as pilgrims and gers upon earth; as those who have *no continuing* city, but are seeking *come.* O may we learn to reckon

our whole life as a journey towards the everlasting, unchangeable settlement. And may such a notice of life teach us to better to bear and struggle with the evils and trials of it, and to be more moderate in the enjoyment of the comforts of it, that so we may neither tire nor faint in our course, nor be at a fatal stand. Nor may we ever mistake our way; but hold on and hold out unto the end. And may we be guided through the whole by thy counsel and at last be received to thy glory.

Watch over our habitation, O Lord, we beseech thee, in our absence: may thine eye be upon it by night and by day; keep it safe from devouring flames, and from the attempts of wicked men. And, in thy time, may we be returned in health, safety and comfort, and find our tabernacle in peace!

To thee we recommend our friends and all our fellow creatures. Mercifully regard, we beseech thee, our nation and our public affairs! Bless all that are in authority over us, and may they become terrors to evil doers, and a praise to those that do well. Bless the Ministers of the Gospel; and by their means may the word of the Lord have free course and be glorified.

ept, we humbly pray thee, O thou
and gracious God, of these our ac-
edgments of thy perfections and pro-
ce, and our repeated dedication of
ves and all that belongs to us to
are. Be thou our sun, and our
; give us grace, and glory; and with-
no good thing from us! We ask all
name, and through the mediation of
Christ our Lord. Amen.

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*mily Thanksgiving for a safe Return from a Journey.*

y mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens,
thy faithfulness reacheth unto the
ds! Thy righteousness is unmoveable
e great mountains, thy judgments are
eat deep. O Lord, thou preservest
and beast.

e, who have experienced this thy kind
ervation in our late journey, are now
e, at the end of it, to bless and praise
name! We bow ourselves in thanks-
ngs at thy footstool, O thou our Al-
hty Guardian, for all that care and pro-
ion wherewith thou hast befriended
from the time we left our habitation
his comfortable return to it! We com-
ed ourselves to thee by prayer and

there, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God; that so, when Christ who our life shall appear, we also may appear with him in glory!

And now, we are returned to our stations, service and business in life again, do thou graciously bless and prosper us. Still keep us and our dwellings from all evil, and our affairs from perplexity and entanglement. May every one of us be excited by thy past goodness to go on more confidently and cheerfully in the way of our duty. May we behave wisely and usefully while we live in the world; and may we, whenever our time comes, depart out of it with honour, and under the strongest influence of the hopes of the glorious Gospel of the blessed God!

Graciously, we beseech thee, regard those whom we ought to remember. Be with all those who are either on journey by land, or voyages by sea, and need the same mercies of which thou hast lately made us partakers. Preserve them from every evil by the way, especially from the evil of sin, and bring them back, as thou hast brought us, to their houses and friends in safety, comfort, and joy. May all mankind partake, not only of the blessings of thy common providence, but of thy grace,

ion of the Gospel of Jesus Christ
them.

ember all our relatives and friends
hy special favour. And do for us
rs, and all thine, according to thine
wisdom and fatherly goodness.
e not, O God, the work of thine
ands, because thy mercy endureth
er, for the sake of Jesus Christ
rd. Amen.

unto Him that is able to save and
us from every evil work, and to
ve us unto his heavenly kingdom: to
e glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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*mily Prayer for the close of an Old Year.*

ise belongeth unto thee, O Lord, and
thee shall all flesh come. It was
who didst in the beginning lay the
lation of the world; and the heavens
he work of thine hands! They shall
h, but thou shalt endure; yea, all of
shall wax old like a garment; as a
re shalt thou change them, and they
be changed; but thou art the same,
*hy years shall* have no end! A thou-
*years, in thy* sight, are but as yester

day when it is past, and as a watch in
night; and one day is with the Lord
a thousand years. In the multitude
thy mercies, O Lord, we are come,
more, to present our family worship at
foot-stool. Having obtained help of
O God, we continue in life and he
and are, through thy blessing, pres
to see the close of another year.

But, above all, would we bless the
thy kindness to our souls! We thank
O Father, Lord of heaven and earth
we have been born in a Christian
that we have the knowledge of the
pel, and the means of obtaining sal
by Jesus Christ! We praise thee th
ears hear those glad tidings of li
eternal happiness revealed by thin
Son in our nature, which many pr
and kings and righteous men hav
sired to hear, but have not heard
and that our eyes have seen those gl
things which they have desired to se
have died without the sight.

We bless and magnify thee for th
stant uninterrupted enjoyment of f
blessings through the year. If we
had constant health, thanks be to hi
to him alone, who has been the h
our countenance and our God.

ıve been visited with affliction, yet
be God for the gentleness of his
ıments, for our recovery and resto-
and that we now appear together
g in thy mercy and salvation.
raise thee for continuing to us the
s of life through the year, and keep-
hose evils and calamities from us,
ch other families have been most
sly distressed. And if in the year
ou hast blessed the labour of our
nd succeeded our affairs, we would
ıer that it is thou, O Lord, who
visdom to increase our store; that
u alone who makest whatsoever we
rosper; and would give to thee the
nd glory.
less thee for preserving us by night
day, and for taking care of us
er we have gone; so that no evil
allen us, no plague has come nigh
elling. Thine eye, O Lord, has
tly watched over us and ours from
inning of the year to the end of the

especially would we bless thee for
ing to us the means of grace, and
linances of thy Gospel! That we
*d the enjoyment* of sabbaths and
*ıts; that* we have still line upon

line, and precept upon precept; thou art yet continuing the str thy good Spirit with our heart mercies are all owing to the rich goodness and long-suffering; l thou art sparing us in a state of giving us such abundant means t tance and securing our eternal sa

Surely thy ways, O Lord, a our ways, nor are thy though thoughts; else we had long ago sumed! No; blessed be thy nam not consumed amidst all the d which we are exposed, amidst ou less repeated provocations, be compassions fail not.

How different has been *thy* co wards *us*, from *ours* towards *thee* ways, O Lord, have been goo mercy; all suited to win upon o to engage our affections to th fix us for thee. But *our* ways h in many instances, froward and Our wills have been ungovern affections vain, wandering, and and our hearts and souls too m the influence of sense. How o thou hast called, have we refuse en! How often hast thou s thine hand, and we have

gratitude have we returned for
ant and uninterrupted kindness!
have the terrors of thy word, and
enings of thy rod, awed these
hearts of ours to obedience!
we have been for any consider-
without changes in our family
we have been too apt to forget
neglect that fear and reverence
thy due. And when, at other
have been passing through vari-
ges, how apt have we been to
nd repine, instead of submitting
oly will with a proper and be-
emper!
st of us have abundant cause to
urselves, that we are no better;
ome so very short of what thou
justly expect from us! We have
s planted by the rivers of water;
e had, in the expected seasons
orth fruit in some measure wor-
m by whom we have been thus
nd watered, and blessed with all
blessings, in heavenly things in
esus! But we have reason to be
of our unprofitableness and un-
ss, and that our goodness has so
n no better than the morning
d the early dew that passeth

Thou mightest justly have cut us
in anger: but adored be thy name,
let alone this year also! And for
hast thou spared us, O Lord, but t
may repent of all we have done
and resolve to amend our ways?
unfeignedly repent of all our sin
do take shame to ourselves for
transgressions and provocations!
heartily sorry, that so much of t
year has been witness to so many r
failings and follies, as well as (with
to some of us, it is to be feared,)
sins! And we see how our iniqui
aggravated by thy continued never
bounty and goodness! We woul
and confess our sorrow and grief
We would take with us words a
unto thee, O Lord; and say, "If tho
shouldest be strict to mark iniqu
Lord, who can stand? for then
sight no flesh living could be ju
But there is forgiveness with the
thou mayest be feared" and
Through Jesus Christ, the great
ment, we may hope to obtain the
sion of all our sins, and an interest
*favour.* In his name we plead for
*Lord,* take away all iniquity
*receive* us graciously, and love

all our sins be blotted out, and may
t begin a new year under the weight
pardoned guilt. But may we be
d, and sanctified, and justified, in
ame of the Lord Jesus, and by the
of our God.

now unto Him that is able to do
ling abundantly above all that we
think, according to the power that
th in us; unto Him be glory in the
, by Christ Jesus, throughout all
world without end. Amen.

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*yer to be used at the beginning of a New Year.*

od of all grace, from whom cometh
good desire and every humble en-
ar, grant that this new year we are
ng upon, may witness to our greater
ation from every thing that is amiss
and our being more and more re-
in the spirit of our minds! May all
ings be done away; and may we
more heartily to approve and prac-
y good, and holy, and acceptable will.
ur earnest desire to live better than
*e done.* It is our fixed resolution
*nd our* ways, whereinsover we

know we have done wrong. And our prayer is to thee, O thou gracious God, for thine assistance, and the influence of the Holy Spirit, to establish all our good purposes, and render all our endeavours in the practice of holiness successful and effectual. May thy grace be always sufficient for us, and thy strength made manifest in our weakness; that so we may be enabled to be faithful unto death, and at last obtain a crown of life.

And now, O Lord, to thee we most solemnly commend ourselves, and our family, for the ensuing year. If thou see fit to spare us all through it, may it be in mercy to every one of us. And if it be thy holy will, we pray that we may be let alone another year. That if there should be any here who as yet have been quite cumbers of the ground, they may at last bring forth some fruit; and that others of us may become more and more fruitful, and glorify our Father who is in heaven. We would not desire life, merely for the sake of living in this world; but chiefly, as for an opportunity for honouring thee, our God; for promoting the interests of the Redeemer, and doing good to our fellow creatures. For these purposes we pray, O Lord, that thou wouldest spare

that we may not contradict such
and purposes by our after conduct!
worldly concerns we commit to
e; and beg, that we may pass this
those circumstances which thou
t to be best for us. If it be so, may
e health, and the comforts of life
ed without any interruption. If not,
us for sickness, and every change
which thou shalt think proper to
. And if thou shalt think proper
to make our great change before
ar shall end, may we be ready for
all the days of our appointed time
be waiting till this most important
shall come.

lesire to fix all our schemes, as to
vith an humble submission to thy
) Lord, so teach us to number our
ng few and evil days, that we may
ur hearts unto wisdom! We praise
Lord, for *national* mercies the year
nd humbly implore the continuance
! We are, indeed, the land which
he Lord our God, hast cared for. O
still be the object of thy care and
ss! Blessed be God for temporal
ritual *mercies;* for the health and
*of our land;* and for the continu-
*thy Gospel* among us, after all our

past abuse of the riches of thy
and forbearance and long-suffe
we at last be reformed. Contin
to us our civil government;
king and his family to us; and
his counsels for the increasing
happiness of the land. May
satisfied with bread, and may
just cause of complaining in
May thy Gospel still continue;
be more successful on the hear
ters and hearers.

And O that this may be the
year of the Lord to *those nation*
hitherto sat in darkness and in
of death. How long, O Lor
true, shall ignorance blind, an
superstition pervert the minds
ble creatures! O that the yea
deemed may come! Hasten
time, we pray thee, when th
more hurt or destroy in al
mountain.

To thee, O Lord, we earnestl
our *friends and relations*, and
concerned for. Mercifully re
all; and make the following
*happy* to them, as well as to us
*ly* accept our offering, and ble
*ers, through* Jesus Christ, ou

nd advocate, who ever lives to make
cession for us.

w unto Him who is the blessed and
Potentate, the King of kings, and
of lords; who only hath immortality,
ing in the light which no man hath
nor can see; to him be honour and
r everlasting! Amen.

## HYMN

### FOR THE NEW YEAR.

The Lord, our salvation and light,
The guide and the strength of our days,
Has brought us together to night,
A new Ebenezer to raise.
The year we have now passed through,
His goodness with blessings has crown'd;
Each morning his mercies were new:
Then let our thanksgivings abound.

Encompass'd with dangers and snares,
Temptations, and fears, and complaints,
His ear he inclin'd to our pray'rs;
His hand open'd wide to our wants.
We never besought him in vain,
*When burden'd* with sorrow or sin;
*He help'd us* again and again,
*Or where, before* now, had we been!

His Gospel throughout the long year,
From Sabbath to Sabbath he gave;
How oft has he met with us here,
And shewn himself mighty to save!
His candlestick has been remov'd
From churches once privileg'd thus;
But though we unworthy have prov'd,
It still is continued to us.

For so many mercies receiv'd,
Alas! what returns have we made!
His Spirit we often have griev'd,
And evil for good have re-paid.
How well it becomes us to cry,
Oh! who is a God like to thee!
Who passest iniquities by,
And plungest them deep in the sea!

To Jesus, who sits on the throne,
Our best hallelujahs we bring:
To thee it is owing alone,
That we are permitted to sing.
Assist us, we pray, to lament
The sins of the year that is past:
And grant that the next may be spent
Far more to thy praise than the last.

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*A Prayer under Spiritual Decay.*

Eternal and unchangeable Jehovah! t
and thy glories are like t
ıtable! Jesus, thy Son, is

erday, to-day, and for ever. The
rld, to which we are hastening,
equally important. But, alas!
and our affections, and our best
s are continually varying.
O Lord! whence this sad change
now experience in the frame
er of our minds towards thee?
his alienation of our souls from
hy cannot we come to thee with
ndearments of filial love, as we
l? Why is thy service so remiss-
d, if attended at all? And why
xercises of it, which were once
est pleasure, become a burden to
! Lord, whither are we fallen!
sees us still; but Oh! unlike what
w us! Cold and insensible as we
ust blush at the reflection. Thou
n secret; and seest us, perhaps,
using ourselves with trifles in
sons which we used solemnly to
thine immediate service. Thou
coming into thy presence as by
! and when we are before thee,
ned in our spirit, that we hardly
t to say to thee; though thou art
*with whom* we have to do; and
*e keeping* up an humble and
*espondence* with thee, is beyond

# PRAYERS

## FOR YOUNG PERSONS.

### *A repenting Youth at Prayer.*

O most just and holy, most gracious merciful Lord God, I am a wretched done sinner, and had been undone for if thou hadst not pulled me as a brand of the fire. I have been sinning grie ly, practising almost every youthful I have broken through the restrain principle and education, forced consci stifled conviction, and hardened my against reproof. I have stopped my against thy word, slighted and negl prayer, and rejected all the offers of love. But thine eye has pitied me, thy hand touched my heart. Thy and thy rod have awakened me. I begin to see my folly and my danger. thy flaming sword hanging over me, the terror of thy Law and Gospel be me. But I fly to thy mercy.

ns of thy spirit; for the pardon
umberless aggravated sins; for
s of eternal glory? Lord, we are
to kneel before thee! but pity us,
h thee, and help us. "Our souls
to the dust," and lay as in the
re thee: but, "O quicken us, ac-
to thy word!" Let us trifle no
for we are on the brink of a pre-
) give us grace to turn our feet
testimonies. Search us, O Lord,
us; go to the root of this dis-
hich spreads itself over our souls;
er us from it. So represent sin
) Lord, we pray thee, that we may
h abhorrence: and represent the
us Christ to us in such a light,
may look upon him and mourn;
may look upon him and love.
awake from our stupid lethargy
h we are sinking. And may Christ
ore abundant degrees of spiritual
ctivity than we have ever yet re-
May we be so quickened and
l by him, that we may more than
the ground we have lost. Send
on us, O Lord, in a more rich and
t effusion, thy good Spirit: may
*in us as a temple which he has*
*ed to himself*: and may the joy
*d be our strength.* Amen.

starved my soul: this is my folly and shame. But I return to thee thro Christ. I cast myself upon thy gr Here I am at thy feet; cast me not a for ever. I cannot endure the though everlasting banishment from thy prese And as I am resolved to be thine, an serve thee through the remainder of life, I pray thee to confirm these res tions, that I may indeed be thine, child, and thy servant for ever; an last find a place in heaven, through Christ, the Lamb that was slain; wi worthy to receive power, and riches, wisdom, and strength, and honour, glory, and blessing, for ever and Amen.

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## HYMN.

### *Seeking God.*

My God permit my tongue
This joy to call thee mine;
And let my early cries prevail
To taste thy love divine.

My thirsty fainting soul
Thy mercy doth implore;
Not travellers in desert lands
Can pant for water more.

Within thy churches, Lord,
  I long to find my place;
Thy pow'r and glory to behold,
  And feel thy quick'ning grace.

For life without thy love
  No relish can afford;
No joy can be compar'd with this,
  To serve and please the Lord.

To thee I'll lift my hands,
  And praise thee while I live;
Not all the dainties of a feast,
  Such food or pleasure give.

In wakeful hours of night,
  I call my God to mind;
I think how wise thy counsels are,
  And all thy dealings kind.

Since thou hast been my help,
  To thee my spirit flies;
And on thy watchful providence
  My cheerful hope relies.

The shadow of thy wings
  My soul in safety keeps;
I follow where my Father leads,
  And he supports my steps.

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*A pious Youth seeking after God and joicing in him.*

O most high and holy God! I sought thee and have found thee. A ago I knew thee not, though thou ever near me. But thy grace has abo towards me: thou hast opened eyes, and I see thee: I see thine i perfections drawn upon all thy wo wonder. When I lift up my eyes consider the heavens, I own them to works of thy hand; and wonder th Builder and Inhabiter of those gl worlds should look down upon ma visit such worms as we are. The moon, and stars, are all created by I see thy glory in them all, and the of thy Son Jesus Christ, by whom madest the world. Every day and night they speak thy praise, an the world there is a God. And whi heavens declare thy glory, and the ment thy handy works, how can I f to worship and adore thee their Creator?

Thou, O Almighty God! hange earth upon nothing; balancest the bringest the wind out of thy tr

nderest marvellously with thy voice: l thou causest the sea to know its nds. I admire, I adore the God of na- e and providence, whose hand doth all se things, and who fainteth not, neither weary. O Lord, how manifold are thy rks, all made in wisdom: and where I go where thou art not?

adore and tremble at thy holiness and ity, who "chargest thine angels with y; and in whose sight the heavens are clean." I admire and adore thine in- te goodness, the earth is full of it. But at mind can conceive, what tongue can l, the wonders of thy love in giving thy oved Son to save a perishing world! O height and depth of this love! How ny thousand sinners have been pardoned ough Christ, and yet pardoning grace still offered! How long does divine pity it over sinners! How long hast thou d patience with me!

At length I come; I come, worshipping thy footstool, admiring the riches of y grace in Christ; admiring that good- ss which offers me a thousand blessings the Gospel, and which has laid up more r me than can enter into my heart to *nceive. Accept,* O God, accept thine *r creature, lying* prostrate before thee

make me one more instance of pardoning and saving grace, that I may shew forth thy praises in thy earthly temples; and may go, ere long, to sing thy praises in thy temple above, through a dying and now risen and interceding Saviour. Amen.

## HYMN.

### THE ENCOURAGEMENT YOUNG PERSONS HAVE TO SEEK CHRIST.

Ye hearts with youthful vigour warm,
In smiling crowds draw near;
And turn from every mortal charm,
A Saviour's voice to hear.

He, Lord of all the worlds on high,
Stoops to converse with you;
And lays his radiant glories by,
Your friendship to pursue.

"The soul that longs to see my face,
"Is sure my love to gain;
"And those that early seek my grace
"Shall never seek in vain."

What object, Lord, my soul should move,
If once compar'd with thee!
What beauty should command my love,
Like what in Christ I see.

e false delusive toys,
empers of the mind!
e I fix my lasting choice,
ere true bliss I find.

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*'s Prayer to the good Shepherd.*

Jesus, I, a poor weak, tender
me to thee: but it was in re-
h weakness that thou hast been
peak so graciously. I believe
e heard, and I mean to venture
pon it. I flee to thee as the
nb to its shepherd, when hun-
e may feed it; when pursued
asts, that he may defend it.
thine arms and thy bosom to
I am so inconsiderable a crea-
of the mouths of babes and
hou ordainest praise. Fill my
love, and my mouth with thy
lead me on, till I may come to
amongst the holy angels in
d serve thee as they do, for
n.

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*A Child's Prayer.*

O Lord God! I am a poor helpless si
ful child, but thou art my heavenly Fath
and I hope, through Christ Jesus, my
conciled God and Father. I now com
thee, and I am grieved and sorry to th
that I have ever left thee. I have
astray from thee like a lost sheep, b
now come to thee. Accept me as
child; take me, O Father, into the
of thy mercy, and may thy beloved
who took children in his arms, take
the arms of his love and bless me.
his Spirit renew my sinful nature, c
in me a clean heart, and renew a
spirit within me; take away the s
and give me a soft, a tender heart; a
to mourn for sin, and to be afraid
fending thee; a heart to love thee a
love all thy children. Deliver me
all the snares of the devil, from sinful
pany, from a lying tongue, and fro
own wilful and obstinate temper. Be
a Father to me in the dearest sens
teach me, to guide me, to provide fo
Teach me to love thee, to pray to thee
to serve thee here; and prepare m
*dwell* with thee for ever in thy hea
*kingdom*, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

followers of God as dear Children."

ly Father, am I thy child? O how to follow thee. Teach me thee as dear children should fol- ther whom they love; a Father ey fear; a Father whom they obey in all things! Lord, what thou have me to do? I know word says, "Be ye holy for I am am thy child, for thou madest by thee I live, and move, and being. But I cannot be thy dear am not holy. I know thou canst upon sin. I know and feel that I inations to that which is evil; and o much followed them with my , contrary to thy holy will and lments. I know that thou lovest he inner man, in the heart. But ften tried to deceive others; and make them believe what is not ave often tried to deceive myself. een others bad; and I thought s not worse than they were, and ould do as well as they did. I *lious and stubborn*, and disobedi- *earthly parents*; how then could

*A Mother's Prayer for her Ch*

Most glorious and eternal Go
of our Lord Jesus Christ, Fathe
and angels, Father of mercies, a
all comforts; thou hast promise
Father to a thousand generation
that love and fear thee. Be th
and a Father to me, and the child
thou hast given me. Enable me
to bring them up in the nurtur
monition of the Lord, and in t
God, to the praise of thy holy
give me thy grace and favour, th
instruct them with diligence and

ng them in their follies, never con-
g at any unworthy action: and that
ıy children may be thine, O preserve
in thy favour. If thou pleasest, let
live to a full age, but above all, se-
to them a full measure of piety and
ess, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
this end, give them grace to obey
parents, that doing their duty they
receive the promise: preserve them
sin and shame, from youthful follies,
youthful crimes: and sanctify them
ghout in their bodies, and souls, and
s, that their thoughts may be pure
ıoly; not displeasing to the eye of
who is the searcher of hearts. Let
words be true, prudent, and ingenu-
seasoned with grace, and apt to
ter grace unto the hearers. Let all
actions in their whole life be such as
ne the servants of Jesus, holy and
l, that they may not be burdens to
ublic, or to their family; but pleasing
and doing good to others, they may
ase in the love of God, and in favour
men, and may have the portion of
ıeek and humble in this world, and of
ɔure *and merciful* in the world to
*through* Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Prayer of Parents for their Child*

O God! thou art our God, and w
seek thee; our father's God, and w
exalt thee! and we beseech thee to
children's God. Save them from si
satan, and this evil world. Save
from the vanity of childhood and
incline their hearts to holiness, an
them the wisdom which is from
Pour thy Spirit upon our seed, a
blessing upon our offspring, that th
be a seed to serve thee, which sh
accounted to the Lord for a generat

Teach and enable us to bring th
in the nurture and admonition of the
and to instruct and guide, reprove a
hort them in the meekness of wisd
those who travail in birth again
Christ formed in their souls. Let n
ours come short of eternal life, or be
on Christ's left-hand at the great da
it be the joy of our hearts to see
walking in the truth, and settin
faces heaven-ward.

We ask not great things for th
longing to this world. So far as
be for their spiritual and eternal
favour them with health and safe

irection and blessing in every honest
ment, and feed them with food con-
t for them. Especially make them
r their souls and eternity.

should please thee to remove any of
from us by death, while they are
make us humbly submissive and
d, and firmly persuaded that all is
If, while they are young, thou
est remove us from them, be thou
ly better to them than we were
e of being, for in thee the fatherless
mercy. And, when we are gone to
thee in heaven, let our dear chil-
e praising thee on earth, and be
not to themselves, but to him that
r them and rose again.

d, thou knowest our care and con-
and we desire to cast it upon thee.
rious godliness in our family make
velling a house of God, and a nursery
rist and glory. Let our children do
and better service for thee in their
han we have done in ours. And before
ibunal of Christ may we joyfully say,
are we, and the children thou gavest
Grant us this rich grace, for the sake
y dear and only begotten Son, to
, *with thee, O* Father, and the Holy
*be the kingdom*, power, and glory
r. *Amen.*

# INSTRUCTIO

## FOR SELF-EXAMINA

*Marks of Growth in G*

My Friends,

If there is a living principl
your souls, it will be growin
growth will evidence your s
And would you not have so
that you are indeed alive; uni
Christ as your living head, a
Spirit dwelling in you as a vit
that you are such as he w
from eternal death, and mak
eternal life? O of what import
examine whether you are grow
Ask yourselves seriously, am I
grace or not? Does grace e
into my soul, refine and spir
Have I more light, more faith
more humility, better dispos

of God, and self-denial? Am I more
l, more watchful, more careful and
in every duty? Does my growth
to the several kinds of graces? Is
ore strong and powerful? Are the
es of it easy, regular, and constant?
I find the fruits of it more emi-
appearing both in heart and life?
intreat you to dwell upon each of
articulars.
race is growing when it spreads it-
der in the soul; that is, when each
becomes more spiritual and refined;
grace penetrates further into it;
he whole mind is more subject to
spel of Christ, and under its influ-
when divine light is brighter in the
tanding, and the will is become more
and obedient to God; when the soul
e powerfully drawn by the great mo-
nd encouragements of the Gospel;
t is more affected with the displays
authority of God, and the grace of
our, and more powerfully bowed to
edeemer's demands; when divine
take faster hold of the soul, and
and it more; when the mind is be-
*seasoned with* the great principles of
*spel; when it* is moulded into the
*age of God* as the wax is to the seal

2. We may be said to grow in when we are growing in the several of grace. The beginning of the divi in the soul, is like the kindling of of fire which grows up into a flame when there is an increase of one other, or of every kind of grace, t soul may be said to grow. When not only common but special grac there is not only light and knowled faith also; nor yet faith only, but life. And when there is added to flaming love; when the soul is into godly sorrow; when it is le ercise itself in mortification and nial; and to cleanse itself from al ness both of flesh and spirit: and rises from holiness to comfort and believing.

3. The soul grows when it becom strong and powerful in any pa grace. The more we grow in gr more will the force and efficacy felt, and the actings of it will be m cessful in reaching their end, e mortifying sin, or in furnishing us f We grow in knowledge and ligh the great mysteries of the gosp more visibly in the life, and bec fruitful in forming us to faith.

ess, and holiness of conversa-
more we purify our souls in
truth through the Spirit, the
ow in grace. So when our af-
come answerable to the steadi-
igour of our faith; when great
do not lead us to distrust and
little ones did before; but we
od in the greatest that befall
grow who once struggled with
l appetite, and were easily led
m, but can now overcome them;
l desires rise into holy endea-
ose good thoughts ripen into
and actions: whose knowledge
ar and certain, more powerful
mental; whose love is more
ady, and pure; and whose re-
lows not only from a sense of
fear of hell, but from a love of
atred of sin.

the exercise of grace becomes
and pleasant to us than it was
When the several graces of the
ready to be called out to exer-
ove like oiled wheels upon the
pt to set them in motion. That
*growing* state that is ready to
*upon* short warning, and with
engaged; that can pray an

read in a spiritual frame, deny itse
faith in the promises, renounce th
and the flesh, forgive injuries, and
of charity with readiness and pl
Some persons find their minds lie
way off, and averse from spiritual a
exercises: they must argue with
selves a great while before they ea
vail. The christian has frequenti
work to do. He must chide himself
and again before his backward spi
comply. On the other hand, when s
work is become natural and easy
soul, there is undoubtedly impro
and growth in grace. There may be
indeed where there is some diffic
getting the heart into a spiritual
but then that grace cannot be so r
able; though the existence of it
be denied, yet the strength and vi
it must. This is an evidence that g
weak, though it may be true. We
said to grow in grace, when we are
steady, constant, and regular in the
cise of it; and are still reaching f
to the greatest perfection.

5. The soul is growing when the
*of* grace appear eminently upon it.
*tree* that bears good fruit certainly
"*God* is able," says the Apos

all grace abound towards you; that
vays having sufficiency in all things
bound to every good work." When
ians are called out to any special
or service, they shew they had their
s fitted for that service, by a readiness
gage in it, and a skilful performance
to the glory of God. This is a glori-
ufficiency. When an earthly mind
nes heavenly, and a vain mind be-
s serious; when a narrow spirit be-
s generous; and one that was slothful
active in the service of God, becomes
f excellent usefulness, full of good
, and brings forth fruit; this is growth
ice. In any or all of these instances
may be growth.

Enquire whether you grow in humble
nean thoughts of yourselves. To these
has made the promise, that he will
nore grace: "he resisteth the proud,
iveth grace unto the humble." Hum-
yourselves is the way to be exalted,
in grace and in the divine favour.
tree that shoots its roots furthest
wards, rises highest upward with its
hes, and stands the fastest with all
ight. They who have stood fast in
*ink of God's* worthies, have com-
*had the* least and lowest thoughts

of themselves. "I count n
have apprehended," was the
that eminent apostle St. Pa
though I had already attained
already perfect:" and in oth
confesses, that he was less t
of all saints, and the chief
am not worthy of the least o
cies, and of all the truth whi
showed unto thy servant. H
rising to grace; there is an
to make the soul grow, becau
God in Christ, under a sens
weakness, and makes it warm
at a throne of grace for relie

7. Do you grow in a love,
the blessed Jesus? This w
cellent symptom of growth!
got to a noble height, when
things but loss and dung for t
of the knowledge of Christ Je
He who has been most solicit
and taken most pains in du
the highest value for Christ.
much imperfection in every g
defects in every service he p
he will acknowledge he mus
*is not* justified by a better
*if he has* not an all-sufficie

*Lastly.* Do your desires

ase? and are you more diligent
deavours after it? Our perfec-
th lies in desire; I mean in la-
deavouring desire; not in sloth-
shes. Desires, indeed, are what
an talks of more than any thing
lest you should flatter yourself
angerous mistake, observe whe-
desires are active, and put you
greatest diligence and labour in
at God hath prescribed. It is a
, and an affecting expression of a
"Hell is paved with lazy wishes."
an says, the desire of the sloth-
him; his desires must be per-
nent to him, because he will not
ains to give them satisfaction.
nt hand maketh rich, both in
and spirituals. There is no
be expected without pains;
ile we labour we must own the
all depends upon the divine
*Endeavours belong to us* by God's
nt, and *success* belongs *to him.*
ng, therefore, the things that are
us press forward; pressing to-
mark for the prize of the high
*God,* in Christ Jesus."

*Symptoms of declining in Grace.*

You are declining in grace when you
bolder with sin, or with the occasions
, or temptations to it, than you were
our more watchful state.

When you make a small matter of
e inward corruptions and infirmities
h once seemed grievous to you, and
ost intolerable.

When you settle in a course of reli-
that costs you little labour, and leave
the hard and costly part, and seem to
ery religious in the rest.

When you grow strange to God and
ist, and have little converse with him
he spirit, and your thoughts of him are
and cold, and lifeless; and your reli-
consists in conversing with good men,
good books, and outward duties.

When you are careless about heart-
k; and find but little to do with your
ts from day to day in trying them, or
hing them, or stirring them up, or
tifying their corruptions: but your
ness in religion is most abroad, and in
ard exercises.

Though your own hearts and duties
have much of your thoughts, you are

he losing hand, if the wonders of and grace in Christ have not more ur thoughts and of your devout af- ns.

All is not well with you when spiritual and advantages are less relished and d, and you grow more indifferent to rmons, prayers, and ordinances which you could not live without; when se them but as bare duties, for ne- y, and not as means, with any great of benefit and success.

When you regard too much the eye n, and too little the eye of God: and ore attentive to the words and out- f your prayers, than the secret and d part of them; and dress yourselves ately when you appear abroad, but me wear the sordid garb of a cold areless heart and life.

When you grow hottest about some overted smaller matters in religion, dious of the interest of some private on, or party, which you have chosen, than of the interest of the common s and cause of Christ; more uncha- le and censorious to brethren that from you, and less tender of the *s and welfare of* others; and love not

or sacrament, or other
yourselves to no serious ac
slight in self-examination
tented in the daily use
though you find no profit,
grace, or communion with

11. When sense and appe
pleasures are grown more
when you are more proud
and less able to bear disest
ing, and injuries from mer
sufferings for Christ; and
matter of your crosses an
becomes one that is dead
the world.

Lastly, when the hopes
the love of God, cannot co

life in the flesh, it is good to be
All these are signs of a declining
though yet you are not come to
cy.

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*Advice to doubting Christians.*

ge not of your hearts and evidences,
very sudden glance of feeling; but
a sober, deliberate examination:
t your skill and diligence be much
r to get grace, and use it, and in-
it, than to try whether you have it
. There is no such safe way to be
that you have grace, as to get so
as will be easily discerned, and will
itself. When you have a strong faith,
ill easily be sure that you believe;
you have a fervent love to Christ, and
ss, you will easily be assured that you
hem: when you strongly hate sin, and
universal constant obedience, you
asily discern your repentance and
ence. Weak grace, will have but
assurance, and little consolation.
yourselves, with all your skill and
nce, to destroy every sin of heart
*fe; and make* it your principal care
*siness, to do* your duty, and please

God, and do all the good you can in
world; and trust God with your souls
long as you wait upon him in his way.
you live in wilful sin and negligence
you cherish your sensual fleshly lusts,
set your hearts too eagerly on the w
if you indulge the passions of envy, p
or uncharitableness, or live in the ne
of duty to God or man, and make no
science of a true reformation; it i
any inquiries after signs of grace, tha
help you to assurance. You may con
long enough before you have ease
such a thorn is in your foot. Cons
must be better used before it speaks a
of sound well-grounded peace. But
you set yourselves, with all your ca
skill to do your duty, and please your
he will not let you labour in vain; b
take care of your peace and comfort,
you take care of your duty; and i
way you may safely trust him.

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*Compassionate Address to the fearfu*
*dejected Christian.*

My dear fellow Christians, whose
are taken up with the anxious thou
attaining to, and preserving you

who are vile in your own eyes,
the blood, and Spirit, and word
edeemer, and the hope of heaven,
the vanities of the world; and
give up yourselves to his con-
is become the author of eternal
o all those that obey him: your
nd heavenly Father has, by his
n, sent you this joyful message,
s love; that like as a father pities
hildren, so the Lord pities you.
nds us by his word to tell you,
kes notice of your sorrows; he
, when you see him not, and are
think he has forsaken you: he
u with the greatest tenderness
say he has forgotten you; he
h your sighs; he bottles up your
takes it unkind that you are so
of him; and that all that he
for you in the work of redemp-
all the gracious workings of his
your souls, and all your own ex-
of his goodness, can raise you to
a sense of his love.
not see, and hear, and taste his
l love? Do you live wholly upon
t doubt of it? God takes not this
t yet he knows your frame, and
that you are dust: he know

God as creatures, and
from him as sinners, tha
times draw back and look
But, my friends, it is not
Father, that you should a
distance of a servant, or a
you to enjoy the privileg
cry, Abba, Father. To
you are told, "That G
world, as to send his on
that whosoever believeth
not perish, but have
Hear the gracious invitati
ful Saviour; "Come un
labour, and are heavy lad
you rest." And is not thi
tion addressed to all?

'. Are you distressed with fears
es, and uncertain whether Christ
on is yours? Suppose you have
epted of Christ, nor given up
to him: but is he not now ready
you? "Now is the accepted
' is the day of salvation!" Be-
ands at the door and knocks!
ou not receive him with all his
l sanctifying blessings? Come
y to a throne of grace, that you
in mercy, and find grace to help
me of need."

a comfort to your dejected spi-
lect that your gracious High
tempted like as you are, and is
th the feeling of your infirmities.
break the bruised reed. Oh, if
sed wounded soul had but heard
ls from his Saviour's mouth:
t of the Lord is upon me, be-
has anointed me to preach the
the poor: he hath sent me to
oken-hearted: to preach delive-
he captives, and recovering of
e blind, to set at liberty them
uised; to preach the acceptable
Lord." What heart-meltings
*ave caused*, what love would it
! You would surely then have

compassionate Fath
this, would never su
doubtful thoughts of
of him who is high
biteth eternity, and v
and holy place; with
contrite and humble
spirit of the humble
heart of the contrit
with every suspiciou
love! Let his praise
the actings of love, a
will help you to com
than arguments and se
in a way of feeling! Ev
you warm, the exerc

*Marks of a confirmed Christian.*

A Christian indeed, is one whose re-
ice has been deep, and serious, and
sal; it has gone to the very root of
nd has not left behind any reigning
tified corruption, nor any prevailing
sensual pleasure. He does not only
nn sin in words, and use confessions,
use him from mortification, and from
the mortal blow to his corruptions,
es he only repent of his open sins;
especially perceives the dangerous
of pride, and unbelief, and worldli-
nd the want of love to God, and his
our; and all his outward and smaller
iew him the malignity of these
ins; and these are the matter of his
st lamentation. He takes not up a
ion of religion, with strong cor-
is secretly covered in his heart; but
igion consists in the death of his
tions, and the purifying of his heart.
s not secretly cherish any sin as too
or too profitable to be utterly for-
or overlook it as a small inconsider-
*atter: but he* feels sin to be his
*and his disease*; and desires not
*to be spared* in his soul: but says

with David, "Search me, O God know my heart; try me, and kno thoughts; and see if there be any way in me, and lead me in the wa lasting!" "He is blameless, and less, as a Son of God, without re the midst of a crooked and pervers ration, among whom he shines as in the world." The fear and lo obedience of God, is the work an of his life.

2. A Christian indeed, is one, t sensible of his lost condition, unwo and utter insufficiency for himself highly prizes the offices, perfect sufficiency of Christ; that he h lutely put his soul and all his ho the hands of this Almighty Savi now lives in him, as having no what he has from Christ, nor any o of access to God, or acceptance w in him he beholds and delightfully the love and goodness of his Fath through him has access with boldn reconciled God. Christ now dwe heart by faith, and being roo grounded in love, he "apprehend all saints, what is the breadth an *and height* of the love of Chris *passeth* knowledge!" He feels

en to Christ for all his hopes of
on: he perceives that he is dead to
f, and that his life is hid with Christ
d; and therefore he is as it were
, and risen again with Christ; even
o sin, but alive to God through Jesus
; and the life that he now lives, is
faith of the Son of God who loved
nd gave himself for him.

A Christian indeed, is one that makes
nd heaven, the end, the reward, and
otive of his life. The interests of
and his soul, are the ruling interests
im: as a traveller goes on his way,
ears all the difficulty of it, for the
of the place he is going to; however
y talk of many other matters by the
his business is to lay up a good foun-
against the time to come, and to lay
on eternal life, and therefore his very
is there; and he is employed in seek-
nd setting his affections on things
. He looks not at the things which
en, which are temporal, but at the
s which are unseen, and are eternal.
ng taken heaven for his felicity, he
nts no cost too great for the obtain-
; *though* difficulties may hinder him,
*is attainments* fall short of his de-
*yet he* is resolved, through grace,

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t it is i
o purc
knows
ven will
at even
rivilege a
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reater is
one that d
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bey, but n
of the com
justice, and
bewails the
s heart. He
nd him less,
y to do more.
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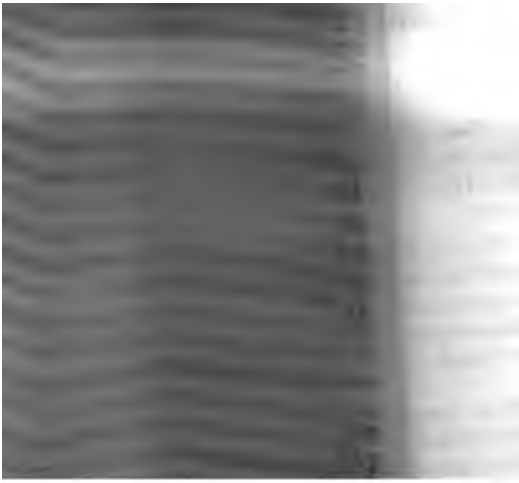
t is a delight to m



never to part with Christ and heave
knows that it is impossible to be a l
God, or to purchase heaven at too
rate. He knows that whatsoever
him, heaven will fully pay for
knows that even our duty is
smallest privilege and mercy; but
more we do for God, the more we
and the greater is our gain and
He is not one that desires the end
the means: he complains of his b
ness to obey, but never complai
strictness of the command. He
holiness, justice, and goodness of
while he bewails the unholiness
ness of his heart. He does not d
to command him less, but desir
and ability to do more.

4. A Christian indeed, is one t
delights himself in God, and fin
solid pleasure in his commands
mises than all this world can g
Religion is not a tiresome task
the yoke of Christ is easy to him,
burden light. That which others
from mere necessity, against thei
goes to with delight. He prays be
loves to pray; and thinks and
holy things, because he takes
them. If it is a delight to men

earest friends, or to hear from
stance, it is no wonder if the
ights to read the Gospel mys-
e, and to find there the pro-
rlasting happiness; and to see
of Jesus Christ, the clearest
eternal Deity. It is not bare
y which he is taken up with:
l, in creatures and ordinances,
s and lives upon. He would
he heavenly delight which he
exercise of faith, and hope,
God, for all the carnal plea-
world. He "would rather be
r in the house of God, than to
palaces of wickedness;" "in
e of his thoughts within him,
of God delight his soul." His
f God is sweet, and he is glad
l. One look to Christ; one
e Gospel; one serious thought
ich he is to live with God for
his soul more solid comfort
kingdoms on earth can afford.
he lives not continually in
delights; yet peace with God,
conscience, and some delight
odliness, is the ordinary tem-
l. His grace is not so small
cernable; nor is it a sleepy

buried seed, or principle. They
a good degree of grace, and
lively exercise, are not so mu
with doubts of its sincerity, a
and languid christian. They bl
evidence by so many infirmities
they are more in the light, and
acquaintance with themselves,
sense of the abundant love of
have more of the spirit of ad
can call him Father, with grea
and comfort.

5. A Christian indeed, is g
humility. He is so well acqu
his manifold imperfections, and
ings, and great unworthiness,
very low and vile in his ow
therefore can easily endure to
vile in the eyes of others. H
hors himself when he finds th
ness of his heart to God, and h
knows of him, and how little h
in comparison of what he ough
little of heaven is upon his hea
backward his thoughts are to
come. These are as fetters up
He groans under them as a
longs for the day of his deliv
sees in himself so much dark
fection, and want of further

n a burden to himself. O could he
ow and love God more; and be more
ven, and more willing to die, how
could he bear all crosses and inju-
nd be content with any state on
He is much more fearful of doing
than of receiving wrong. He falls
ith himself more frequently than
others. He believes himself to be
eatest enemy, and knows that his
is most at home. He is more
l of his duty to his prince, his pa-
his master, his pastor, than of
towards him; because he knows that
worse than present suffering; and
better to be injured than to injure
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Christian indeed, is more in getting
ing his graces, than enquiring whe-
e has them. He is very desirous to
sured that he is sincere, but he is
desirous to be so: and he knows
ven assurance is gained more by the
se and increase of grace, than by
nquiry, whether we have it already.
hat he is a neglecter of self-exami-
, but he oftener asks, what shall I
be saved? than how shall I know
*shall be saved?*

*Christian* indeed, studies duty more

# PREPARATION FOR DEA

My Friends,

You cannot live a comfortable
you are prepared for a comfortable
but if you are ready to die well,
ready to live well, and ready to suf
ready for any thing. The man wh
to be for ever with the Lord, has
fear. How quietly may he slee
easily may he suffer! how joyfully
live! Give me leave then to assist
rect you in this great work.

1. Be sure that you repent
known sin: there is nothing mak
so terrible to us as guilt. "*The*
*death is sin.*" It is sin that make
ourselves from our God; and it is
hides his face from us. So gre
mercy, that nothing but sin could
us from his love. Spare not si
fore. Search it to the very botton
hearts, you will find it has taken
there, and requires deep repentan
when you have found out all
places in your hearts, confess

ıny things are left undone; and he
id that death will find him very
ehind hand; and therefore he is up
ing as one that has use for every
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Christian indeed, makes conscience
he duties of his station and relation
rs. If he is a husband he is loving,
tient, and faithful to his wife; if he
ther, he is careful of the holy edu-
of his children; if he is a master,
ıst and merciful to his servants, and
for the saving of their souls; if he
ld or servant, he is obedient, trusty,
t and careful, as well behind his pa-
r master's back, as before their face.
ppy church, and state, and family,
composed of such confirmed Christ-
where their prevailing character is
has been described! But how much
ıappy is the new Jerusalem, the city
living God, where the perfected spi-
the just, in perfect life, and light,
ve, are beholding, admiring, and
g the eternal God, their Creator,
deemer, and Sanctifier for ever!

tribute to your comfort in life, a
peace at death! Though your on
for salvation is the merits of y
deemer; yet your comfort must a
pend upon the evidence you have,
are a sincere believer in him; that
sanctified by his Spirit, and creat
in him, and made meet for the inl
of the saints in light.

Will it not be matter of comfor
to look back on such marks of
cerity as these? That you lo
above all things, and loved your
around you, because they were t
ren of the same heavenly Fath
you have taken Christ for your
viour, and his Spirit for your
That it has been the desire of yo
and the endeavour of your life,
God. That you have endeavoure
tify sin, though it has been like c
a right-hand, or plucking out a r
That you have loved holiness, n
all the wealth and pleasure of t
That you have loved the Word
and his ordinances, as the means
ness. And that it has been you
desire to be made more holy,
meet for the world of holiness a

O my *friends*! live now,

you had lived, when you shall be
a dying bed.

Live daily as in heaven while you are
arth, by faith, hope, and love. If you
as a stranger to heaven in health, you
be a stranger to it in sickness: and
oul will rather have terror than plea-
under a thought of going to a strange
, a strange God, strange company,
strange employments. Remember
that there is your Father, your Sa-
r, your Comforter, your home, your
iness, your friends, your treasure,
crown, your glory! Do all that you
this world with heaven still in your
Hear, and read, and pray, as if hea-
were open before you. Resist temp-
ns, and follow your business and
trade, as if heaven was still in sight,
traveller holds on his journey in re-
brance of the end. Meditate often on
heavenly glory; on the certainty, the
ness, the greatness of that glory.
k how many millions of holy souls
there in joy, while we are here in fears
cares. They have passed through a
d of trials, and were compassed with
*infirmities* as ours, and passed through
*as we must* do. We go not an un-
*en path;* but are "followers of them

who, through faith and patience, inh
the promises."

Think how much better it is with th
than with us. How they are freed fro
our sins and sufferings, doubts and f
O think what it is for a perfected,
soul, to see the glorified Redeemer,
all the holy company of saints and an
To see the glory of God, and to have
knowledge of his glorious works; to
his love poured out on us, and to be
lowed up in love and praise. Thi
your holy acquaintance that are gon
fore you; and frequently take, as it
a walk in the streets of the city of
Suppose you saw their glory, and
their concordant praises of their Cr
their Redeemer, and Sanctifier. Let
thoughts as these be your daily wor
pleasure, and the conversation of
minds with God above. And because
heart will be backward you must dr
on, and preach as it were to yourself.
heaven be your subject; convince
heart with evidence; urge it with hea
motives; solace it with heavenly com
and when it is dull turn your though
petition to God, and beg his help. S
times speak to yourselves, and som
reverently to God; and thus kee

nunion and familiarity above; this make heaven desirable to you in a hour. If you can but keep the sen- apprehensions of God's love continu- upon your heart, it will make heaven able to you, and the drawings of God's will overcome the fears of death.

ink much of the infinite perfection of remember his goodness is equal to reatness; and what that is look up to heavens and see. He is called love ; and shall it be hard for a soul that es to please God, to believe that love loves him, and that infinite goodness be pleased with him in Christ Jesus.

e Son of God, incarnate, in his whole of redemption, is a wonderful glass eveal the love of God to man. The test proof of friendship cannot more ince us of the love of our friend.

he remembering all the great mercies our lives, to your souls and bodies, in y place, and state, and company, will to convince you, that he that hath e all this for you, loveth you. And you trust that God of love at death, who h filled up your lives with the benefits his love.

*Take praise* and thanksgiving a part of *devotion* every day. If you th

loy your heart and tongue in this ex-
se of love to God, it will keep on your
a sweet sense of his love to you, and
e both health and sickness easy.
o live in the sense of God's love, and
he exercise of it by praise, and holy
res, and good works, is the very first
ts and foretaste of heaven upon earth.
is a fruit of believing more excellent
n faith itself. It comforts and draws
soul by the most powerful ways; even
experimental taste of his love and good-
s; and he will most easily believe that
re is a heaven for him, who has the be-
ning and foretastes of it already.

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*Instructions to dying Christians.*

Now, my friends, let every anxiety
ught be dismissed; and deliver up your
ls with humble, but cheerful confidence
the hands of your Father and your
deemer. Will you not trust the God
Father of your spirits, who is love
lf? Will you not trust your Saviour,
hath saved you so far already, and
has saved so many millions before
? Trust him with his own! Trust him

e mediator of the new covenant seal-
his blood, by which free forgiveness
life is given to all believers! Trust
as the King and Judge of all, and as
dvocate of the faithful; as our great
Priest, who intercedes for us, and
taken possession of the glory, to
h he hath promised to bring us. Trust
implicitly with soul and body; leave
in his faithful hands; and let his
r, wisdom, and love, dispose of you
pleases. Indulge no anxious thoughts
e corruption of your flesh, or of the
rchable difficulties of the nature of
s, and the things unseen, which over-
m and bewilder many. But rest your
in the will of God through a Re-
er, in that will which is infinitely
, and the only felicity and rest of

Renew your believing thoughts of
s love, and of all the mercies of your
Instead of sorrowing that they are at
d, rejoice with thankfulness. Rejoice
at mercy which opened your eyes,
urned you from darkness to light, and
the power of Satan unto God; that
ardoned and adopted you, and led you
on your way towards the heavenly
ance. O triumph in that love which

a High Priest interceding
ven, be afraid to go to suc
3. Now steep your souls
thoughts of the heavenly
you are going. O now re
time is but short till you
and fear no more, and
till you shall know God a
only as much as you c
much as your heart can
larged capacities can rec
hour will that be, when
entered into the city of
society, and sing your
praise to God and the
enemy is unbelief, that
trembling without the d

at abundant experience have I had
d's fidelity and love! And after all
hall I not love him? His undeserved
ess gave me being; it chose my
s, gave them a tender love for me
esire of my good; it taught them
ruet me early in his word; to edu-
e in his fear; it placed me in the
f lands, and one of the best of ages;
royed all great expectations from the
teaching me to bear the yoke from
uth; it chastened me betimes, but
t destroy me. I have been trained
the school of affliction, to keep my
h soul awake in the constant ex-
on of my great change; to kill my
nd overvaluing of this world; and
ur to quicken my soul to diligence.
t a mercy hath a life of gentle chas-
nt proved to me! It urged me
t all dull delays, to make my calling
ection sure; and to make ready my
ts, as one that must quickly give
p to God. It was love and mercy
*ade sacred* truth so pleasant to me
*s glorious* discoveries and practical
*ow* many comfortable hours have

I had in the society of living saint
many joyful days in the solemn as
where God has been worshipped
riousness by concordant, though i
saints! From how many a dan
and pain, have I been delivere
many weary days have been s
with his pleasant work, and h
painful nights have had a co
morning! Many a time have I cr
Lord in my trouble, and he hath
me out of my distress.

These, and many more than
my experiences of that wondr
which has measured my pilgri
filled up my days. Never did
his promises with me; never
me, nor forsake me, till provo
wilful sinning. How little in
have I had of my peace and co
shall I now distrust him at last
not quietly trust that infinite wis
and power, which I have so lo
and found so good? To thee,
to a faithful Creator, I commit
know that thou art the faithful
keepest covenant and mercy
that love thee, and keep thy
ments. To thee, O my Savio
my spirit. It is thine own by

ne own by covenant; it is marked
led for thine own by thy Spirit;
ou hast promised not to lose it,
vast made like thy brethren, that
ightest be "a merciful and faithful
riest in things pertaining to God,"
e reconciliation for our sins. By
od we have boldness to enter into
iest; even by the new and living
ated way. Cause me to draw near
sincere heart, in full assurance of
for he is faithful who has promised
ough thee. Faithful and true are
promises. Thou hast promised
weary souls that come unto thee.
eary of suffering and of sin; weary
flesh, and weary of my darkness,
lness, and distance; and of this
and unrighteous world. And whi-
ould I look for rest, but to my
y Father, and to thee? I am but
ed reed; but thou wilt not break
am but a smoking flax; but thou
ot quench what thy grace hath
. The Lord redeemeth the souls of
ants, and none of them that trust
shall be desolate; therefore will I
*thy name*, for it is good, and will
*the mercy* of God for ever. Thou
*hope*, O Lord God! thou art n

trust from my youth; my praise shall be continually of thee. O God! forsake me not! "I had fainted unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living." The sun may cease to shine on man, and the earth to bear up; but God will never cease to live, nor to be faithful to his promises. Blessed be the Lord, who hath commanded me so safe and quieting a duty, to trust him, and cast all my care on one who has promised to care for me.

## HYMN.

My God! my everlasting hope,
I live upon thy truth:
Thy hands have held my childhood up,
And strengthened all my youth.

Still has my life new wonders seen
Repeated every year,
Behold! my days that yet remain,
I trust them to thy care.

Cast me not off when strength declines
When hoary hairs arise:
And round me let thy glory shine,
Whene'er thy servant dies.

Then in the history of my age,
When men review my days,
They'll read thy love in every page
In every line thy praise.

*giving Prayer for an aged, or dying Christian.*

ır Lord, I am ashamed that to
iise thee should be a work of
What should I love, if not good-
ve itself? That merciful Father
me, that I might love him;
ned me, that by love he might
e; and sanctified me to dispose
love him? What shall I praise,
nite perfection? the glory of
r, wisdom, and goodness, shines
whole creation! Heaven and
thee! And am I no part of
arth? The whole creation pro-
glory! And am I not a part of
n? Thy very enemies when
reconciled, and forgiven, praise
d grace of their Redeemer! And
ıe of these? Thy saints all love
ve is the essence of a saint: they
; for this is the work of saints.
ot one of these? I am less than
all thy mercies; but it is not
thy mercies which I have re-
*d if* a life full of mercies has
*forth* a life full of love and

praise, let it end in a loving and praising death.

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*A Prayer against Unbelief.*

O Thou that knowest how deadly an enemy unbelief is to thy honour and my soul! Send, I beseech thee, that heavenly light to my mind, which may banish and confound it. Let it not blaspheme the truth, and imprison, and blind, and torment my soul. O Thou that givest the word, the Saviour, the heaven which must believe! deny me not that faith by which I must believe them. It must be the glory whose reflections must reveal the glory to us; and a light from heaven that must shew us heaven. O send one beam, one beam, Lord, of that heavenly light into this dark sinful soul! that, with Stephen, I may see in my passage the glory of my blessed Lord to whom I go; and with Simeon may gladly say, "Lord, now let thy servant depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation!" One beam of thine will drive away the powers of darkness, and banish all these doubts and fears, and let in some of heaven into

before it is admitted into heaven! O blessed Spirit, the illuminator of dark soned souls, remember not all my nces of thy grace, and leave me not power of darkness and unbelief!

Thou that art the Spirit of life, so en and actuate this sluggish soul, he last part of my race may be run igour, and the last act of my life may e in evidence of the heavenly influ- and may be more like the heavenly yment, than all the rest has been! kindle that fire of heavenly love in nd give me some taste of the celestial which may feelingly tell me that is a heaven indeed; and may be the ss within, and the pledge and earnest I shall live with Christ. My flesh my heart now fail me; the world ll therein is nothing to me; I am g my everlasting farewell of them But one beam of his face, and one of his love, who is my portion for will be strength and joy to my de- g soul, and better than this life and pleasures. Come, Lord, with all seasonable comforts into my soul, *my soul may* comfortably come to *My life had* been but death, an

darkness, and disaffection to God, if thou hadst not been in me a spirit of life, and light, and love. The tempter would have been too strong for me. And how then shall I deal with him myself, when the languishings of my body shall disable my soul! Thou despisest not art and reason. I thank thee for the use I have had of them in their season. But one beam of thy light, one spark of thy love, one motion of thy heavenly life, will better confute the enemy of faith than my disputes can do. Teach me effectually to love and praise thee; and it shall powerfully prove to me that there is a heaven where I shall joyfully love and praise thee for ever.

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*The Prayer of a Christian near Death.*

O thou Sovereign of Life and Death, of Earth and Heaven! Thy mercy brought me into the world, kept me from a thousand dangers, and gave me innumerable blessings of life and godliness. Thy mercy convinced and converted me, renewed and sanctified my heart, and formed Christ in me. O amazing mercy, that I am not dying in an impenitent and Christless state

ce for the means of grace, and
of glory. I thank thee for the
Canaan through the wilderness,
n the brink of Jordan. I thank
he cordials of thy great and pre-
nises, and that they are now as
s ever. I covenanted with thee
l life, as the gift of thy free grace,
Jesus Christ my Lord. In his
mbly claim it. To thine hand I
is departing spirit. I am thine;
I have fled to the cross of thy Son.
nounced all dependance on any
s of my own. I come to thee as
believing in Christ for pardon
ion. Let me have my lot among
ers of Jesus. I know in whom
elieved. I rejoice that I am in
of the Good Shepherd. I thank
, after this long absence, thou art
e home—to my glorious eternal
ut forsake not the world I am
or thy church from which I am
. Having bought it with an in-
price; still guard it, purify it,
it more and more, till all flesh
thy salvation. Let my few re-
*noments* on earth be spent for thy
*Whatever* this flesh may suffer
*ul be* rising to the general

sembly and church of the first-born, to th
innumerable company of angels, and t
the spirits of just men made perfect. Le
faith be strong in the last hour. Let m
ascend in the chariot of love and prais
and for ever sing the Song of Moses a
the Lamb! Even so, come Lord Jes
come surely; come quickly! Amen.

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*Prayer for a dying Christian.*

Thy mercy brought me into the wo
Thy mercy chose my parentage, educat
and habitation; it trained me up, it
me from a thousand dangers; it at
pered my body and furnished my mind
gave me teachers, books, and helps;
it gave me a Redeemer, the promis
life, and the word of salvation! It gav
the influences of thy Spirit, which tou
and turned my sinful heart; all my
penting and resolving thoughts; all
forgiveness of my manifold sins; all
sweet meditations of thy love, and th
perience of thy good and pleasant serv
The comfortable hours which I have
in secret thoughts, in public worsh
thy holy days, at thy holy table, an

le; all these have been the dealings of
ove! All my deliverances from temp-
n and sin; from death and danger;
ny recoveries from my too frequent
and pardon of my daily sins; all the
t hath pleased thee to make of me an
rthy sinner for the good of any, for
or body; all these are the pledges of
ondrous love! And shall I be afraid
me to such a God? Hath mercy filled
l my life, and brought me now so near
y end? and shall I not trust it after so
trial? It is heaven that thou madest
or; and heaven that Christ did pur-
for me. It is heaven thou promisedst
ould be thine; and it is heaven that I
nted to take for my portion, and for
I did engage to forsake the world.
O that I had more entirely done it;
now find how little reason I have to
t of my covenant! It is heaven which
Spirit of grace and merciful provi-
s have all this while been preparing
or; and shall I now be fearful and
ling to possess it? O, my God, do
ese foretastes of love assure me that
be happy in thy love for ever! My
*thy goodness*, thy Son, and thy
*nt, will* never be disappointed. Thou

DEAR FRIEND,

Though nature te
you under your
faith permits us to
of your endless joys,
at hand. We must
friends that love yo
partakers of your w
rejoice with you as
fellow-soldiers, that
you to the same fe
left behind for a littl
ere long to overtake
separated fr

a Christ! that you are not to en-
er an unconquered death, nor to go
d without a Mediator: but that death
Christ disarmed of his sting; and
you may boldly resign your soul into
hands of your Redeemer, and com-
it to him as a member of himself!
you may better perceive than ever
have done, what God did for you
he opened your eyes, and humbled,
changed, and renewed your sinful
; when he forgave all your sins, and
ied you by his grace, adopted you for
hild and an heir of life, and sealed
vith his Spirit, and separated you to
elf; and how great a mercy it is to be
itent believer. How sad would your
now be, if you were yet in your sins;
ır heart was now to be softened, hum-
and converted; and all your prepara-
for heaven to be made: and all this
a pained body and a distracted mind;
in so short a time; with God, and
ity, and death before you! If you
ll your past life to look back upon as
ımed in sin! But what an unspeaka-
ıercy is it, that you have been recon-
*to that God* to whom you are going:
*hat the* sins which would now hav
*our horror*, are all forgiven throu

the blood of Christ! That you can look back upon your time, since the day of your conversion, as spent in faithful devotedness to God; in a believing preparation for an endless life; and in godly sincerity, notwithstanding many sinful imperfections. And though you have nothing of your own to justify you at the bar of God; and need a Saviour and pardon even for your best duties; and yet you must with thankfulness remember that grace which has begun eternal life within you, and prepared you for it.

You have had something to humble you and to shew you that you were a child of Adam; and you have had something of grace to contend with, and to conquer, and for Christ to pardon! Bless him through whom you have had the victory; and how long you shall sing the song of the Lamb with stronger love, and richer experience of his grace. O what a joy is it to our departing souls that we have our Head and Saviour already in possession of the kingdom which we are passing to! What support and joy is it to receive this message from our ascending Lord, "Say to my brethren, I ascend to my Father, and your Father; to my God, and your God." What a joy is it to read his promis

an serve me, let him follow me;
here I am there shall also my ser-
e." You have served him, and are
ng him, and are going to be with
here he is.

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*utions addressed to a dying Christian.*

friend, you seem now to be almost
r journey's end! But how many sad
have those to go, whom you leave
in this sinful world! You have
a good fight, and kept the faith;
all never be troubled with an enemy,
ptation, when this contest is over!
all never be so much as tempted to
f, or pride, or worldly mindedness,
hly lusts, or to any defects in the
of your Lord! But how many
tions do you leave us encompassed
And how many dangers and enemies
rcome! And, alas, how many falls
unds may we receive! You are en-
into the harbour, and leave us toss-
he tempest on the waves. Flesh will
re entice or cloy your soul! You
more have unruly senses to com-
nor an unreasonable appetite

; nor wandering thoughts, nor
ous passions to restrain. Your ser-
God will no more be mixed and
hed with imperfections! You shall
more have a cold, or hard, or hum-
heart, or a careless customary duty
ent! Will it not be a joyful day to
hen you shall know God as much
desire to know him? And love him
ch as you desire to love him? There
hall be delivered from the dark-
of this world. How dimly do we
hrough the veil of the flesh! How
do we know, and how much are
norant of; and what pains does our
knowledge cost us! But there, on
of the face of God, will put an end to
ng night; and there you shall under-
the works of God, and the frame of
reation; the place, the office, and
of all the things which here you
not. The mysteries of the Gospel
angels pry into, will be there un-
to you. What welcome will those
d angels give you, that here disdain-
t to minister to you, and bear you
all your ways, and interested them-
in your concerns; rejoicing before
at your conversion! How glad they
hey be of your safe arrival at the

ised harbour of felicity with them-
s! What joy will you be entertained
welcomed into! to the acquaintance
ose blessed spirits, and of all the holy
s that are delivered from this flesh
world; and to see their order, be
ered with their society, and to be
oyed in their joyful work! O how
better company is there than the
below! There is no ignorance; and,
fore, no error; no want of love, and
ntention; no narrow private interest
ntend for; but all made happy in
ct love: no cruel mockings or impri-
ents; none destitute, afflicted, or tor-
ed; no more sufferings for the sake
hteousness; but having suffered with
t, they are now reigning with him.
ars or rumours of wars; because no
o war in their members. There we
have no suffering friend to mourn
your righteous soul will no longer be
ed with the wicked; the whole so-
will shine in light, and flame in love;
none through weakness or corruption
be a cloy or hindrance to another.
e all this, you shall behold the person
*ur glorified Redeemer!* the wonder-
*ndescension of his incarnation*; and
*ystery of his* divine nature will the

be better understood. You shall s
blessed God himself; in that place
he hath prepared to reveal his gl
You shall see him, whose sight w
fect your understandings; and lo
and feel the fulness of his love.
a change will it be to a humble
soul, to find itself in a moment d
from a sinful painful flesh; and
into a world of light and life, a
love! Alas! that our present i
and fear should make us draw ba
such a change! That while all
thren that died in faith, are trium
those joys with Christ, our t
souls should be too loth to leave t
and to be called to the same feli
what an enemy is the remnant of
to our souls, that it can hide su
scribable glory from our eyes,
should no more desire it, but are
to stay so long from God! How
ful is that love and mercy that br
backward souls to happiness; an
us to blessedness, whether we will
Come on then, dear friend, and
at the last. Fear not to encou
*King of Terrors!* It is the last en
*it is a conquered enemy.*

*Address to the Sick when unprepared f*
*Death.*

DEAR FRIEND,

has pleased God, in whose hands our
th is, and whose are all our ways, to
is afflicting hand upon you. He has
much to convince you of his love;
s nourished and brought you up as
ild; crowned you with loving-kind-
nd tender mercies; and invited you
ake of all the blessings of the Gos-
vation. But hitherto all has been
; his terrors have not alarmed
mercies have not melted you; but
still follows you; and rather than
uld perish, he is laying his correct-
upon you. You have often seen
of a father in the chastisement of
; and will you not believe your
Father, when he declares, "whom
he chasteneth;" not for his plea-
to purify them from sin, and
m partakers of his holiness?
erhaps, the last means that he
Now he is shewing you the va-
world, and how poor a portion
immortal soul! He is now

shewing you the value of that tim
you have trifled away. He is
you nearer to an eternal world,
may rouse you from your fatal
We would not, my friend, wish to
terrify you; but we must be faithf
the life of an immortal soul is
You know that you are a mor
ought you not to suppose that t
ness may be unto death? Let m
you to put to yourself this serious
Am I ready? Take the gospel
salvation into your hands, and ju
self faithfully as one who must
ed of the Lord.

Jesus Christ has told you, that
a man be born again he cannot
kingdom of God." Does not th
that you have a sinful nature, t
be changed and renewed? He t
that "One thing is needful;" an
this one thing, but the care of yo
Has this been the one thing nee
you? Have you sought first the
of God and his righteousness, and
the hopes of eternal life, befor
pleasures and prosperity of thi
Have you walked after the flesh,
*the Spirit?* Have you been s
*minded,* which is life a d peace

minded, which is death? Have you
sin, and been striving, watching,
raying against it? Have you seen
elf to be one of those lost sinners
Jesus Christ came to seek and to
And have you cast yourself upon
or life and salvation? O, my friend,
will you escape if you neglect so
a salvation? Arise, and call upon thy
Seek him while he may be found!
upon him while he is near!

*Prayer.*

my God! I have been examining my
, and searching my ways; and I find
I have sinned against heaven and in
sight; I have lived without thee in
world. Thou hast called; but I would
answer. I have cast off fear, and re-
ned prayer before thee. I have re-
d thy Holy Spirit, and trampled upon
blood of a Redeemer! O that my head
waters, and my eyes a fountain of
, that I might weep day and night!
e mercy upon me, O God! Turn me,
I shall be turned! I have undone my-
; but to thee do I look for help! Lord,
me, or I perish! I have heard that
King of Israel is a merciful King,

that thou hast declared thyself the
God, merciful and gracious! I have l
thy gracious invitations to the weary
heavy laden; and I come to lay he
thy grace and mercy! Take away
heart of stone, and give me a hea
flesh: a heart to melt at thy lo
mourn for my rebellion against th
heart to love holiness, and to hunge
thirst after righteousness! O my G
is a great work to change this sinful
and to create it anew in Christ Jes
crucify the old man, and to put o
new: and I may have but little tim
this great work. But O how many
must I have of my own sincerity! I
my God, the work is thine own! Th
rit can sanctify these corrupt affe
and the blood of sprinkling can c
me from all sin! I will lie at the f
the cross, and if I perish, I will
there.

# OCCASIONAL SENTENCES

## HICH MAY BE ADDED TO ANY OF THE DAILY PRAYERS.

*hen any Member of the Family is sick.*

Hear us, almighty and most merciful
l and Saviour: extend thy accustomed
dness to thy servant who is grieved
h sickness. Sanctify, we beseech thee,
fatherly correction to *him;* that the
se of *his* weakness may add strength to
faith, and seriousness to *his* repentance:
at, if it shall be thy good pleasure to
ore *him* to *his* former health, *he* may
l the residue of *his* life *in* thy fear, and
hy glory: or else, give *him* grace so to
e thy visitation, that, after this painful
ended, *he* may dwell with thee in life
rlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
*en.*

*When any Member of the Family is goi a Journey.*

We especially entreat thee in behalf *him*, who in addition to the ordinary da gers of life, is about to be exposed to th more immediately incident to travelli Grant *him*, we beseech thee, every jo neying mercy. Be thou, O Lord, *his* h er, and *his* defence on every side. Let harm befal *him* by night or by day. K *him* from all evil. Preserve *his* going and coming in; and be with *him* an all the vicissitudes of this earthly pilg age till thou hast brought *him* to thy temple, to be a pillar in the house o God, and to go no more out.

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*For those under Affliction.*

"Look upon all who are afflicted distressed, whether in mind, body estate. Heal thou their infirmities, re their trials, and in the mean time sa to them all thy dispensations. May pain, and every trial, lead them, and us all, to prepare more earnestly fo blessed state, when there shall be n death, and where sorrow and sighi for ever flee away."

*For Friends and Relatives.*

e commend to thy fatherly care our
d friends and relatives. Grant them
ver may be good for them in this
t life, and afterwards receive them
rlasting glory through Jesus Christ
ord."

*Or*

ay thy blessing rest on our friends,
es, and acquaintance. Make us all
ers of thy salvation; and whatever
tion thy good providence may make
earth, O grant that we and they may
with joy at thy right hand in the day
gment."

*Or with the same commencement.*

nable us all to live in love and peace
ner, discharging every duty as in thy
and looking for thy mercy through
ord and Saviour Jesus Christ; and
ve all at length rejoice together in
eat day of his appearing."

OUR FATHER which art in heaven, ha
lowed be thy name. Thy kingdom com
Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heave
Give us this day our daily bread. And f
give us our trespasses, as we forgive th
that trespass against us. And lead us n
into temptation; but deliver us from ev
For thine is the kingdom, and the pow
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Chri
and the love of God, and the fellowship
the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermo
Amen.

The Lord bless us, and keep us;
Lord make his face to shine upon us, a
be gracious unto us: the Lord lift up
countenance upon us, and give us pea
now and evermore. Amen.

The peace of God, which passeth
understanding, keep our hearts and mi
in the knowledge and love of God, and
his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and
blessing of God Almighty, the Father,
Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst
and remain with us always. Amen.

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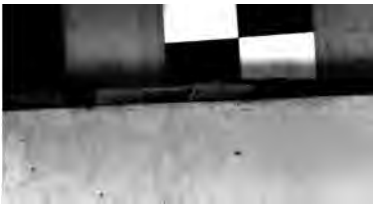
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